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Chinatown Extortion Lessens But Cooperation Still Vital

By MARY CASTAGNOZZI

SAN FRANCISCO — Although the SFPD Gang Task Force believes there are fewer incidents now of youths intimidating shopowners for money or other favors, there is a strong need for reporting such incidents.

The task force most recently admonished several youths who had been "prowling around" Stockton Street, intimidating shop owners. A shop owner had originally been willing to press charges against them, but in the end, was only willing to identify them.

CO-OPERATION

"As far as kids bothering shopowners, there is less of this than in the past, but more (who still do) should be reported," Inspector John McKenna told *East/West*. "If they are threatened by kids, then they should call us, and we'll go out and talk with them," McKenna said.

The Gang Task Force uses a different law enforcement technique that the average policeperson in a car, McKenna pointed out. Stressing the importance of gaining the confidence of community residents and shopowners, the task force members don't try to push shopowners into pressing formal charges, and will accommodate their desire to simply identify offenders, and without formal court procedures.

"We're getting a lot more cooperation and feel a lot more confidence than before. We understand the state of mind of them (the shopowners), more so than just the average guy cruising in a police car does. We understand their problems and we try to develop a rapport with them," McKenna explained.

While sometimes the cooperation is complete, and victims will formally press charges against the offenders, other times they are only willing to informally identify the youths offenders after which the police will admonish the youths.

RETRIBUTION

"It depends on the victims themselves. Often people will identify the youths, but will do no more — they won't go through the the court procedure, McKenna said. Law enforcement would "certainly" be more effective if more were willing to follow the legal proceedings, McKenna said.

"If we had more that had been threatened come forward, I'm sure we could remove more of these chaps from the streets than is possible now," McKenna said.

While the conviction rates of youths who have been charged with extortion or other threats against shopowners have been good, many shopowners still fear retribution if they testify. Actual retribution, however, is "very limited," McKenna reported.

"They can feel confident — it's not 100%, but still good — that those who have appeared in court, have no reason to contact us again, and we've checked back with them afterwards, too, as a followup," McKenna said.

Even those who are unwilling to press formal charges but will help the task force identify offenders render a great service, and are unlikely to see the youths again, McKenna said. After the offenders are identified from police photos, the task force gives them an oral admonishment in which they are warned not to bother the shop again.

EDUCATION

"Mostly it (the oral admonishment) works, but I wouldn't say 100%. Maybe seven out of ten times, they haven't reappeared at the same stores. But, of course, there are enough other targets, I think they may just move on," McKenna said.

The task force monitors the warned offenders, and if they do return to the shop in question, then the police will zero in on them, McKenna said. The task force also keeps up its ties with the shopowners to check on any activities, he added.

"The situation is much better, but it still will take more education, and we'll start our campaign around Chinese New Year's again. But it's a heck of a lot better now than in the past," he said. "We're fairly content, and so are they (shopowners), as far as the services we're rendering."

The task force is generally familiar with youths who have become involved in illegal activities or hang out with others who have known to be involved. "The age span is pretty constant — from 14 on into adulthood — but there's a few more young adults involved now. And there's been an increase of Vietnamese youths of Chinese ethnic backgrounds," McKenna reported.

DIFFICULT

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Hanging roast ducks are a common sight in San Francisco's Chinatown. For a story on the local reaction to a state bill being discussed in Los Angeles that would legalize the hanging of ducks at room temperature, see page. 7. (Photo by Leland Wong)

CAA Derides Reagan's Civil Rights Commission Appointee

SAN FRANCISCO — President Reagan's latest move to tailor the perspective of federal civil rights efforts came last week when he fired an affirmative action advocate who had headed the US Commission of Civil Rights, Arthur S. Flemming, and appointed a "supply-side Urban Leaguer," Clarence M. Pendleton, Jr., who is critical of affirmative action goals and timetables. The move has again attracted criticism of Reagan's civil rights stance from minority organizations.

"Not withstanding his (Pendleton's) affiliation with the Urban League, his appointment is typical of all Reagan appointments. It's going to affect a major change in the commission's stand on affirmative action and the results that have been achieved in the past 15 years. Merely stating 'equal opportunity employer" is not sufficient to resolve the problems," Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, charged.

ECONOMY

"The Reagan Administration would like to have us believe that by repeating 'EOE' a hundred times over, that it will become a reality, but this will never happen — it needs targetting and goals in order to be effective," he added. Although civil rights enforcement lies with the Justice Department, the commission serves as the "conscience" of the government and is a clearinghouse for civil rights issues, Der noted.

"I am a supply-side Urban Leaguer on social programs," Pendleton had told a group of black conservatives in SF last year, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported. He has criticized affirmative action programs for minorities and women, and he identifies the top priority to be with jobs.

"You want to get as free as you can, and the best social program is a job. If people really want to be free, they have to develop their own asset base and income stream, and there will never be enough government money to do that," the *Monitor* quoted Pendleton, who added that the private sector should be encouraged to employ people. Pendleton also supports "economic development," and points to the $24 million the San Diego Urban League has made available in business loans, as "better than affirmative action."

"Why would he think the private sector will provide for minorities and women? The private sector of America is short of cash as it is. It all sounds very good, but where are poor people going to get loans if corporate America is having such problems themselves with high interest rates?" Der wondered.

"The administration is dismantling affirmative action enforcement. Reagan is making a mockery of all civil rights laws by saying 'I'm not going to enforce them'," Der charged.

DISASTER

Der pointed to the success of affirmative action requirements in the broadcast industry, and noted the recent suggestion by the administration to the Federal Communications Commission to not solicit affirmative action information from stations applying for license renewals, calling the suggestion a "disaster."

"Affirmative action requirements in license renewals applications have been very helpful in encouraging them to hire more minorities and women. This didn't just happen out of kindness — it was because they *had* to. And then it turned out that it has helped their ratings. But it took the affirmative action regulations to get minorities and women in front of the camera," Der noted.

Pendleton replaces Arthur S. Flemming, the Republican commission chief since 1974, who was removed by Reagan on Nov. 16. his removal was the first time in the commission's 24-year history that a new chief executive has changed the commission's leadership in the absence of resignations.

"In our judgement, there is situation after situation in both the private and public sector where you're not going to achieve equal employment opportunity unless you utilize the management tool of affirmative action," Flemming said in a press conference after his removal. He charged that the administration is "heading in the wrong direction" by eliminating or weakening affirmative action programs. □

China Denies South African Uranium Shipment Report

WASHINGTON — Chinese Embassy officials last week denied reports by US officials that shipments of enriched uranium to South Africa had originated in China, calling the reports "a sheer fabrication." China maintains close relations with many African nations and has never had diplomatic, or even friendly, relations with South Africa, which is one of the few nations still recognizing the Taipei government as the legitimate government of China.

The shipments, which went through a Swiss firm acting as middleman, are expected to enable South Africa to begin operation of two 1000-megawatt atomic power plants without relying on US nuclear fuel.

The US allegations of a Chinese origin for the shipments came through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and were published in the *Washington Post*. □

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EDITORIAL

Making Chinatown Safer

According to the SFPD Gang Task Force, the incidence of extortion attempts by youths has decreased, although they believe that more could be averted if more people were willing to not only informally identify the offenders, but follow through with the court proceedings to formally press charges.

Fear of further extortion and fear of retribution may keep many from cooperating with police, but only such cooperation can curtail these activities. We urge residents and shopowners who have been so threatened to step forward and work with the police so that this problem can be further lessened, and eventually resolved.

A Day of Thanks

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, the traditional day commemorating the day of thanks celebrated by the first Pilgrims to this land. For the many newcomers who will join in the celebrations, this will be their first Thanksgiving in theUS. While many have suffered in the past and still have hardships, most express a heart-felt thanks to start their lives over and to seek a better life for their children.

For many Americans, thinking of inflation, unemployment, various federal budget cuts, and the ever-increasing arms race, fear and dread may outweight the gratitude felt. Despite this, we should remember the countless things we have to be grateful for yet, which even as the newcomers are so aware, we often take for granted and join in the thanksgiving.

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alleged teahouse robbery that had been rumored beginning in October (*E/W* 10/21/81) has not been substantiated by any testimony or evidence. "As far as we're concerned, there was no robbery," McKenna told *East/West*. The rumors had first identified one teahouse, and then another, as the victim, McKenna said, but interviews with owners and managers, many of who had previously cooperated with the task force, failed to turn up anything.

The two youths charged in the October 11 incident with a visiting couple from Louisiana, in which the man was hit over the head with a shotgun, will face a preliminary hearing sometime next week, McKenna reported. Because of the severity of the eye injury suffered by the tourist, the hearing was delayed.

One suspect, a youth now in custody at the Youth Guidance Center, has been charged in connection with the recent robbery at the wok shop at 1010 Stockton Street, in which the owner was first shot and then fired at the robbers as they fled, wounding the one now in custody. The October robbery of the Tin Fook Jewelers is still open, McKenna said.

Admitting that it is difficult for shopowners to positively avoid robbery since they are dealing with the public so constantly, McKenna advised shopowners to be certain that they not only have secure locks on their doors, but that they are certain they are used.

The Gang Task Force may be contacted at 553-1401. □

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PRESS COMMENTS

The Needs of Taiwan Vs. What It Wants

(The following appeared as an editorial in the Nov. 20, 1981 edition of the New York Times.)

There is a reasonable way for the Reagan Administration to extricate itself from a Chinese knot of its own making. Taiwan wants an advanced American fighter to replace the F-5E's it has been coproducing for six years. Law and good faith require Washington to help Taiwan defend itself. But that requirement can be sensibly met by supplying an improved version of the F-5E. It does not argue for the more formidable weapons that Taipei's American champions insist it needs — even at the risk of enraging Beijing.

It is a tricky decision. President Reagan feels a need to honor Candidate Reagan's promise to somehow "upgrade" relations with Taiwan. The request for a follow-on aircraft was already in the pipeline and became a clamor as he took office.

But Beijing argues just as clamorously against major new American arms sales to Taipei. It threatens a deterioration in its still novel "strategic collaboration," notably against the Soviet Union. Not even the promise of American weapons has soothed Beijing, and Secretary of State Haig sees a "very worrisome specter" in the quarrel.

Beijing has no legal or moral right to veto American sales. Why should its Communist regime define American ties with an anti-Communist ally? In "normalizing" diplomatic relations with Washington 1979, Beijing assented to the Taiwan Relations Act, committing the United States to give the island the means of self-defense. The law states that "the President and Congress shall determine the nature and quantity of such defense articles based solely upon their judgment of the needs of Taiwan."

SUBSTANTIAL

But the American ties to Beijing became possible only when the sensitive issues about Taiwan's long-term future were swept under the rug. The issue now is whether the law should be read provocatively or practically. What *are* Taipei's defense needs? And will a contentious weapons sale make Taiwan more, or less, secure? Its F-5E's can already outperform Beijing's antique fighters. An invasion from the mainland is hardly imaginable. Indeed, the best guarantee of Taiwan's security is a stable relationship between China and the West.

Besides, there is the matter of Beijing's recent overtures to the Nationalists, offering a peaceful integration with substantial autonomy for Taiwan. That may be blarney, meant to dupe gullible Americans. But Mr. Haig, for one, does not think so. He termed the proposals "rather remarkable." If he is right, why discourage a welcome change of tone?

Beijing may not be able to afford a prolonged sulk. Committed to an ambitious modernization drive and fearful of the Soviet Union, China is unlikely to let one weapons sale upset its American link. But no one really knows how a humiliated leadership in Beijing would respond. Giving Taiwan the weapon it truly needs — an enhanced version of the F-5E — won't tarnish American honor. And it would preserve the widest strategic options. □

China's Women's Volleyball Team Wins World Cup

OSAKA - The Chinese women's volleyball team last week won the world championship here, defeating the US, 3 games to 2, and the Japan also by 3 to 2. The victory, wildly cheered by crowds in Beijing, marked the first time the Chinese have triumphed internationally in what they call "big ball" sports. Previous triumphes were limited to the "small ball" realm of table tennis.

The team's coach, Yuan Weiming, won the best coach award, and the team's captain, Sun Jinfang, a 26-year-old from Suzhou, won was named the best player. Sun was also named as one of the six outstanding players, and the best setter in the tournament. □

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Open House at Cameron House

SAN FRANCISCO — Cameron House is having an open house on Fri., Dec. 4, from 3:30 to 6 pm, at 920 Sacramento St. The program will include a slideshow, displays and information about Cameron House. For information, call 781-0401 or 392-4768. □

US-China Economic Talks Held in Beijing

BEIJING — The Reagan administration offered China up to $2 billion worth of credit to purchase American goods over the next five years, but US Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, in China last week for three days of talks on US-China economic ties, said he doubted the Chinese will rush to borrow the money.

China's vice premier Bo Yibo opened the second annual meeting of the US-China Joint Economic Committee by acknowledging that serious problems still exist in almost every sector of the Chinese economy, despite the drive to de-emphasize heavy industry that was launched in 1979.

DEMANDS

"Energy and transportation and communication cannot match the demands of national economic development . . . Consumer goods are relatively insufficient. Industrial goods are in short supply in the countryside. The economic result of industrial production is not as good as it should be. Management and administrative level is not high. The cost of production of some of the state-owned enterprises has risen, and profits handed over to the state. . . have. . .decreased," Bo said, listing China's economic troubles.

With an 11¾% interest rate at the US Export-Import Bank, Regan said it was unlikely the Chinese would be eager to take advantage of the US offer, which was orignally made by former President Jimmy Carter.

"I don't blame them," Regan told the *Los Angeles Times*. "They are shrewd businessmen and will wait until interest rates go down."

At last week's meetings the two nations also agreed to exempt each other's ships from taxation in the other nation's ports, and to try to limit taxes on commercial airline service in a similar manner.

No agreements on avoiding double taxation of oil company revenues and on double income taxation of Americans working in China were reached, but Regan said both issues were under discussion.

OPEN DOOR

Bo stressed that China will continue its "open door" policy for Western investment. Trade between the two nations will approach $6 billion this year, and is expected to reach $10 billion by 1984, according to Regan's predictions.

"China will devote intense efforts to increase the consumption of consumer goods, and development and renovation of existing industries," Bo said.

But China has yet to give official approval to an American Chamber of Commerce, which was formed earlier this month at a meeting in the Beijing Hotel, home of several US companies' Beijing offices.

The new chamber has been recognized by Richard L. Lesher, president of the 200,000-member US Chamber of Commerce, but according to a *New York Times* report, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade has withheld approval while determining how to handle the matter.

"I suspect that the Chinese do not quite understand what an American Chamber of Commerce is and I suspect that they probably would want such a group to register with them in one form or another," Regan said at a press conference in Beijing.

FORUM

According to its charter, the Beijing chamber was set up to promote the development of US-China trade, commerce and investment and to give American businessmen a forum to discuss common interests. It has the approval of the American Embassy.

Many American businessmen are also concerned about dealing with China's huge bureaucracy, the *Times* reported. Chamber president Richard E. Kask, General Electric's China representative, said the group will continue its dialogue with China to explain the functions of the chamber and how it will benefit bilaterial trade. The Chamber is willing to meet any requirements for registration, attorney Eugene Theroux said.

Meanwhile, one US delegate at the talks last week pointed out that China is getting faster approvals on high-technology sales from the US. Eugene K. Lawson, deputy director of the Commerce Department's East-West trade division, said all but 47 of 1,232 applications for such exports were approved in the first eight months of 1981, and as a result China has been getting more advanced computers than the Soviet Union. □

United Federal Offers Space To Ping Yuen Employees

SAN FRANCISCO — United Federal Savings and Loan, after consultation with city officials, has offered the employees of the Ping Yuen Bakery a six-year lease at below-market rates on space in United Federal's 1050 Grant Ave. branch office to run a combination restaurant and bakery.

The offer is the latest development in United Federal's attempt to acquire the space at Ping Yuen, on 1066 Grant Ave., in order to expand its offices. The offer was made before the Planning Commission Thursday, and the employees now have until Jan. 15 to respond.

GROUND FLOOR

The Ping Yuen Bakery had been in operation for 28 years, but was forced to close after it lost its lease in open bidding last August. Proprietor Sum Choi has protested United Federal's proposed move, and the case is now awaiting a ruling from the Planning Commission, which is expected Dec. 3.

"The city is concerned about ground floor tenancy at 1050 Grant," United Federal attorney Gordon Lau said, explaining that the offer was agreed upon "after reasonable discussion" with city and other officials. If Ping Yuen employees do not accept the offer to rent the first, second and third floors of the building, (at $4,000 a month, the *SF Examiner* reported) then it would be offered to another restaurant or neighborhood retail business.

United Federal never intended to retain all of the old building, Lau said, adding that they will keep the basement, which contains a large vault.

SF zoning administrator Bob Passmore told the Commission at Thursday's hearing that United Federal's acquisition of the Ping Yuen site was not a violation of the six-month moratorium on new financial institutions in Chinatown. "The moratorium was not intended to prevent the type of move United Federal is proposing," he said, but noted that his interpretation is subject to appeal.

Before the Dec. 3 meeting the Planning Commission is expected to draft its approval of the move with the condition that space be made available for the Ping Yuen employees, Passmore said. The draft will be circulated among United Federal, Ping Yuen and other community groups for review and comment, and if all goes according to schedule, a vote will be taken Dec. 3. □

Local Attorney Nominated to Direct INS

WASHINGTON — President Reagan last week announced that he will nominate a California attorney now serving as deputy commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to serve as its commissioner. The proposed nominee, Alan C. Nelson, went to Washington in September when Attorney General William French Smith appointed him as deputy commissioner of the INS.

Nelson, reportedly a friend of presidential counselor Edwin Meese 3rd, had been a lawyer with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in San Francisco. He had previously worked with Meese in the office of the District Attorney in Alameda County and had served in Reagan's Cabinet while Reagan was governor of California. From 1972 to 1975, he served as director of the California Department of Rehabiliation, and was assistant director of the state's Department of Human Resources Development from 1969-1972.

Following Nelson's official nomination, for which several weeks of paperwork is involved, a hearing will be held by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Reagan's first nominee to head the INS, Norman Braman, withdrew two weeks ago, saying he wanted to devote himself to his auto business in Florida. □

James Lilly Heads American Institute In Taiwan Office

TAIPEI — James R. Lilly, until recently China advisor to the US National Security Council, has been appointed director of the Taipei Office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). Lilly will replace Charles Cross, who resigned in September.

A graduate of Yale and George Washington University, Lilly studied Chinese classics at Columbia and Hong Kong University. He has worked in Taipei, Beijing, Tokyo and a number of cities in Southeast Asia.

Lilly was appointed a policy coordinator and China advisor to the National Security Council in February 1981. He recently resigned from this post to accept the AIT appointment. He will take up the new position in two weeks. □

New Law Eases US Licensing For Foreign Pharmacists

SACRAMENTO — A new state law has eased the process for foreign pharmacists to become licensed in the US. Sponsored by the State Board of Pharmacy and carried by Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-SF), AB 1132 allows graduates of foreign pharmacy schools to make up classes in which they might be deficient according to California standards.

Under previous law, foreign graduates whose records were found not to be equivalent to American graduates' either had to return to the foreign country to complete their coursework, or repeat the entire program in the US, before being allowed to take the state pharmacy examination here.

FLEXIBILITY

Of the 195 foreign graduates who applied to take the exam last year, only seven were deemed to have the necessary credentials, and for many, especially Southeast Asians, returning home to make up coursework was not a workable option.

"The old law gave us no flexibility," State Board of Pharmacy director Fred Williard said. "It was impossible for the foreign graduates to make up their deficiencies, it was unfair."

The board approached Assemblyman Willie Brown, who authored the original law, to ask that changes be made. Brown told the board that he had not intended to make US licensing so difficult for foreign pharmacists, but after he became Speaker of the Assembly, he passed the task of reworking the law on to Agnos.

In addition to allowing foreign pharmacists to make up coursework in the US, AB 1132 also eliminates a requirement that the pharmacists had to be licensed in their countries of training. Williard recounted one case of a woman born of American parents in the Philippines. Because she was a US citizen, she could not become a licensed pharmacist in the Philippines, although she had attended school there. When she moved to the US she could not become licensed because she had not been licensed in the country in which she was trained.

"Most foreign pharmacists are deficient in some coursework" Williard noted, adding that "it's not that easy to get into pharmacy colleges in California." The board is now working with state colleges so that space will be available for foreign students who need to take only a few courses.

It is still too early, he said, to assess the impact of the law, which went into effect Sept. 18. □

Bank of China Opens New York Office

NEW YORK — A branch office of the Bank of China, with its head office in Beijing, opened here for business Nov. 16. This is the fifth branch office of the bank outside of China. The other offices are located in London, Luxemburg, Hong Kong and Singapore.

In the past, Taipei also has a Bank of China in New York City. Shortly before the US-China normalization, Taipei converted the bank into a private corporation, and changed its name to the International Commercial Bank of China.

The branch manager of the new office is Zhang Xueyao. □

Extension Given EDD in Garment Workers Case

SAN FRANCISCO — The Employment Development Department has received an extension on a motion of discovery ordered by Judge Roy Wonder in connection with its investigations of Chinatown garment factories.

The Asian Law Caucus, which is representing several garment workers who have been charged with unemployment fraud, filed the motion in order to have access to EDD records showing the manner in which the shops are chosen for investigation.

Upon receipt of this information the caucus hopes to have sufficient evidence to show that the investigations have been carried out discriminatorily against Chinatown shops.

The original deadline for the EDD to comply with the motion was Nov. 19, but it has been extended to Dec. 7. □

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CHINESE WORD-A-DAY

You may look at the word "black" in two ways. First, it looks like a delicious fish after it met a cat. Second, it looks like a squid that squirts out black ink. Of course you may ask, "What does the first explanation have to do with black?" Well, you may consider that the fortunate cat was a black eat that blacked out after discovering that the friendly black fish had the deadly black plague.

"Sky black" is night or evening. "Black heart" is a wicked heart. "Black merchandise" is a well-known name for opium.

Once the great Chinese philosopher Yang Chu's brother was caught in the rain. He was lucky to get some dry clothes on before he went home. It so happened that he was wearing white when he left home and this set of dry garments were black. Therefore, when he got home his dog didn't recognize him and began to bark ferociously at him. The brother was, of course, very upset and angry and was just about to beat the dog when Yang Chu came in and stopped him.

"Don't beat the dog," said Yang Chu. "If the same thing happened to you, what would you do? If your dog went out white and returned black, would you not be disturbed?"

Disturbed? Not me. I would repaint the doghouse so that it'll match his new look.

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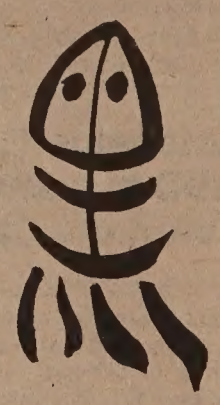

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Stanford Economist Notes China's Economic Progress

STANFORD — Professor Gerald Meier, noted international economist, recently returned to Stanford from lecturing in Japan and China, where he visited centers in Beijing, Shanghai, Guilin and Beidiahe under the auspices of the World Bank.

"China is certainly progressing with socialist economic development, and Japan should be the envy of other capitalist economies. China's achievements in improving living standards merit close evaluation by other developing countries. And while Japan is both organized and efficient, we are only organized," Meier reported.

CONCENTRATION

In Beijing, a research institute has just been built by the Ministry of Power to train experts in all aspects of energy and the design of power projects, on which China must spend a large share of its investment, he noted.

"I lectured there to 30 officials from the Ministry of Electric Power. They were aged from 40 to 65, and about one-third were women. I lectured for six hours a day, and never have I seen such intense concentration by students. I was impressed by the Spartan conditions within the institute. Four course participants shared a small room, which was furnished simply with four bunk beds, a table, and a chair. The cement floors and walls were bare.

"At the end of each day the participants returned to their rooms and listened for hours to tapes of my lectures, and had discussions among themselves which lasted far into the night. Next morning they would be back, eagerly absorbing more," Meier said.

Meier explained economic analysis for project appraisal, introducing such concepts as shadow pricing, use of markets, cost-benefit analysis, in effect explaining the fundamentals of Western economics.

"At the end of each week, the participants prepared a list of questions for me to answer. They were particularly interested in comparisons between western methods of management and what they called 'management in a Karl Marx economy.' But I am not sure they really appreciated the distinction between economic methods of management and administrative methods.

INFLATION

"While prices and markets were of most concern to the participants, they also were curious about the causes of inflation — just beginning to be experienced in China — and the role of foreign trade and investment in development," Meier noted.

"Just before leaving to go to China I had read a piece by A. M. Rosenthal of the *New York Times* editorial board. He tried to describe his experiences in China and wrote 'I wish I were a poet.' Not till I experienced China myself did I realize what he meant. It is a completely different society. Its reality might be better captured by the poet than the statistician," he said.

Meier's first impression of the country was that there is no absolute poverty, as there is, for example, in India. "The per capita income is low, only some $250 per year, but the low-income groups are far better off in terms of basic human needs than are their counterparts in most other poor countries.

"The life span of the people is high — 67 years — which is outstanding for that level of income. One of the other overwhelming impressions is the homogeneity of that enormous mass of people, and the extreme use of physical labor — the appalling amount of carrying, stooping, pulling and lifting," Meier explained.

Asked whether such western economic concepts as shadow pricing had any validity for a communist society, Meier replied, "Yes, I think they do. The planning of investment requires it when prices are distorted, as they certainly are in China. Prices have been used mainly to generate government revenue, and they do not reflect relative costs or relative scarcities.

MARKETS

"Shadow pricing must be used to correct these prices that have not been changed for many years. Also, when China goes to the World Bank with a view to obtaining a loan, its economists have to go through analyses which use Western concepts such as 'rates of return.'

"You can calculate a financial rate of return, which is simply the commercial profit, but it is necessary to get a figure which represents the economic return of national social profitablity. Western economic concepts are also vital in studying the effect of operations by multinational corporations — and China is very interested in those. So too does China want a better understanding of world markets," Meier explained.

Meier said that he would like to see Stanford with some representation at the Institute for International Economic Management in Beijing. "We on the west coast naturally look to the Pacific, and we ought to take advantage of our proximity. The Chinese are very interested in such matters as the transfer of technology, licensing, joint ventures, and foreign loans. At the Beijing Institute, they have already enlisted curriculum and teaching assistance from Harvard's Business School and Law School," he noted.

Although Meier feels that communism is working in China economically, he noted that "central planning has political costs in terms of individual liberties."

"There is now, however, much more interest in the role of markets and more appreciation for the social efficiency of market processes. As one participant in the course said, 'The market is a good school for everyone.' It remains to be seen, however, whether a real commitment to an extension of free markets will be forthcoming beyond the limited agricultural sector. The talk about market socialism has yet to proceed very far in practice. I would not expect any significant lessening of the central government's control of materials supply and pricing. But there is much talk of other reforms. These focus on economic management to improve efficiency of resource use. Also, material incentives — such as bonsues — to raise the quality and quantity of work," Meier reported.

REFORM

"There is also concern over a readjustment between over-extended investment and consumption, and a proper relationship between agriculture and industry. Finally, reform of the foreign trade system is discussed, with more emphasis on the export of manufactured goods and efforts to overcome a foreign exchange shortage," he continued, and noted that, "International effort has not been all that great relative to the many problems confronting developing countries."

"Some of the problems have been described as the 'soft states' in Asia which are apparently incapable of implementing needed policies. The main problem now is to overcome the disenchantment that has set in over what other countries can do in aiding development," he said.

For the last decade the real value of aid to less developed countries has been going down. "Although the McNamara language may disappear, the World Bank will still have to be the leading development institution. I would expect the World Bank to direct more appeals to the donor nations and also to expand co-financing projects with commercial banks. To fulfill their moral obligation as well as for reasons of enlightened self-interest, the rich nations must still transfer resources to the poorest nations," Meier noted. □

Alan Chong Lau Reads at C'town Library Dec. 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Poet Alan Chong Lau will be featured in an evening of poetry and music sponsored by the Kearny St. Workshop at the Chinatown branch library, 1135 Powell St., on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 pm. Admission is free. Lau is co-author of *Buddha Bandits Down Highway 99*, and wrote *Songs for Jadina* (Greenfield Review Press) which received an American Book Award this year. □

Jethro S. Yip Donates Books to Fresno State

FRESNO - Retiring entomologist and agricultural chemist Jethro Sutherland Yip recently announced that he will donate his collection of books, personal awards and historical documents to the Henry Madden Library at Fresno State University and the Pacific Coast Entomological Society in SF.

A native of Canada, Yip earned his bachelor's degree in 1921 from UC Berkeley, and his master's in 1923. Researching economic entomolgy, plant extracts for insect control and the production of pyrethrum flowers, Yip, now 86, received 32 awards for his work. Among these were the Distinguished Service Entomologist Award by the Dictionary of International Biography in 1969, and the Book of Honor Award from the American Biographical Institute in 1978. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Fresno gave him a Notable Americans of the Bicentinnial Era award in 1976.

Remembrances of Asian Pioneers

By LAURA CHIN

WASHINGTON — With every new generation of Asian Americans, the vivid memories of the still living past slip away. Our Asian forefathers, pioneers of the early migration to the shores of America, share the bittersweet memories upon which legacies are made. As they die, new generations of Asian Americans lose yet another link with their past.

One means of chronicling the Asian American experience is through oral history, a tradition long used to pass history and culture from one generation to the next. The Demonstration Project for Asian Americans (DPAA), based in Seattle, has developed a national oral history project to keep alive those memories of th early pioneers so that new generations may benefit.

IMMIGRANTS

As part of the project, DPAA, headed by Dorothy Cordova, came to Washington, DC, to present its series of lectures on "The Forgotten Asian Americans: Filipinos and Koreans." The East Coast lecture, ninth in a series of 17, was presented on the campus of Georgetown University on Nov. 8.

The two-year Oral History Project is recounting the history of Filipinos and Koreans in taped interviews. Most of the pioneers being interviewed by DPAA staff and consultants are immigrants who came to this country 50-60 years ago. Others are second- or third-generation Americans or more recent newcomers, war brides and war orphans. Their personal remembrances and experiences are being compiled for publication and distribution through public programs, lectures, photo essays, and other audiovisual presentations.

For the East Coast lecture, guest speakers at Georgetown included Marina E. Espina, associate librarian from New Orleans; Sonia Shin Sunoo, adjunct professor of English from Fayette, Missouri; and native Washingtonian, Tino Calabia.

SHRIMP INDUSTRY

Espina has spent much of her 13 years in this country documenting the life and history of the "Manilamen" of New Orleans. The first Filipinos came to Louisiana in 1765, reportedly traveling to the American coast from Mexico where many had come with the galleon trade which brought treasures from Asia to Spain via the Mexican connection from Acapulco to Mexico City to Veracruz. Filipinos were instrumental in developing the dry shrimp industry in Louisiana and provided much of the shrimp and other fish for the developing urban areas, especially New Orleans.

Sunoo, a second-generation Korean American, is the daughter of a Korean "picture bride." Her mother came here almost 70 years ago. Sunoo's oral history project on early Korean immigrants, 1903-1924, is currently being translated for publication.

Korean immigrants began coming to America in the early part of this century, with the first group arriving to work on Hawaiian sugar plantation between 1903-1905. Economic distress in their homeland and a repressive atmosphere limiting their personal freedom compelled many to leave Korea, Sunoo reported. The efforts of the United Methodist Church have been instrumental in helping Korean Americans document their past, she said.

LOSS

For Calabia, a second-generation Filipino, his memories of growing up in Washington, DC, reflect a tradition of activism and concern for the community. His work as a community activist in Washington and on the West coast carry the beliefs of his parents that the legacy of the Filipino experience will not die.

The future of the oral history project is now in doubt, despite all the work and achievements of the DPAA. The original National Endowment for the Humanities grant of $180,000, inexpensive for the kind of work being done, is running out. Cordova is here to meet with NEH officials about the future of her project. Given the direction of the Reagan Administration, programs like the oral history project may face extinction. The greatest loss, however, will be for the future generations of Asian Americans. □

China Converts Waste into Gas

BEIJING — To meet its enormous demand for energy, China has launched a major effort to ferment human and animal waste and from it produce methane gas suitable for rural use as cooking, lighting and heating fuel. Already, 35 million peasants are supplied with such fuel, the *New York Times* reported recently, and most of them have fermentation tanks right in their backyards.

Agricultural engineer Zhang Jigao, at a recent seminar in Beijing, reported that seven million tanks, or digesters, have been built. The technology for digesters has been introduced mainly within the last decade, and has been kept simple enough for easy use in rural areas.

Peasants dig a pit in their backyard and in it bury a concrete or stone fermentation well. A feedstock pipe feeds into the tank from the nearby latrine and pigsty. Fertilizer is then pushed under gas pressure into a storage chamber on the opposite side.

FERTILIZER

The tank's cap is closed and the contents ferment under pressure for a month to 40 days, a process which requires careful tending due to unstable gas pressure. Methane gas produced by fermentation is drawn through a hose into the farm kitchen, and once the gas is spent, the remaining waste is pumped out and used as fertilizer.

The fertilizer by-product is an important factor in this energy system. The Xinhua News Agency reported recently that the digesters were providing 40 million tons of fertilizer rich in nitrogen, potassium and phosphates.

Because fermentation will not take place below 50 degrees Fahrenheit most of the digesters — approximately five million — have been built in the southern province of Sichuan. Digesters are also operating year-round in Guangdong.

A medium-size digester, about eight cubic meters, costs $56 to build, and provides fuel for a family of four. One western economist estimated that the equivalent of 4 million tons of oil were already being produced by China's digesters, the *Times* reported, and Xinhua estimated that 68.3 billion cubic meters of methane gas could be generated annually if just half of China's human and animal waste were used. □

Sam Wong Asks for Chinese Six Companies Reform

SAN FRANCISCO — Samuel Wong, well-known businessman in Chinatown and owner of Broadway's Sam Wong Hotel, has urged Superior Court Judge Harry Low and Secretary of State March Fong Eu to lead a campaign to reform the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (Chinese Six Co.) through an open letter he placed in community newspapers.

"I have felt for a long time that there are serious problems with the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in San Francisco," his letter read. "The association claims to represent all Chinese Americans, and yet it excludes Fa Yuan Benevolent Association to which you two belonged, Tung Hwa Association, and countless others."

IRONY

Wong told *East/West* that the Chinese Six Co. originally included six district associations representing most of the Cantonese in the US at that time. Later, it accepted another district association, Wong said, and for the past several decades it refused to accept any more.

"But the population has changed, and more people from other districts of Guangdong, and other provinces came to America. And the Chinese Six Co. still refuses to make changes," he said.

"Take Tung Hwa Association, for example. It has several thousand members who are natives of the eastern provinces in China," Wong said, "and the association is kept out of the Six Co. How can it still claim to represent all Chinese in America?"

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association has lobbied for the support of leading officials such as Judge Harry Low and Dr. March Fong Eu. "The irony is that both Low and Eu's ancestors came from Fa Yuan, a county northeast of the city of Guangzhou (Canton), and their district association was not allowed to join the Six Co.," he said.

Sam Wong. (Photo by Nancy Wong)

"This is the reason why I decided to publish an open letter," Wong told *East/West*.

UNIFY

Wong said that the Six Co. has two major tasks ahead. It should first clean up its old fund-raising accounts, which he alleges includes some 50 fund-raisers which have not been audited. "I have proof and am willing to testify," Wong said. The second task is to change its by-laws and to admit the other district associations in the community.

"Only then can the Chinese American community unify and speak with one voice," he said.

He said that once the Six Co. opens its doors, the community can study the possibility of starting a new modern Chinese language school for youth. "The present after-school Chinese programs are not working," Wong said. "The salary of the teachers is low, the curriculum is outdated, and the morale is low," he said. He would like to see the new school modelled after the one in New York's Chinatown.

"I am an old man now. All I want is to do something for the next generation," explained the 82-year-old merchant. □

Collection Focuses On Northwest A/PA Culture

SEATTLE — Glimpses of early Asian and Pacific American culture in the Northwest will be published before the end of the year in a 48-page collection of articles and poetry edited by Mayumi Tsutakawa and Alan Lau. Cultural and artistic life in prewar Chinese, Japanese and Filipino settlements are discussed in the collection.

The publication is sponsored by the Asian Multi-Media Center, but funds are still being sought to cover the cost of printing. For information, contact the International Examiner, 318-6th Ave. S. Suite 123, Seattle, WA 98104; (206) 624-3925, or call Mayumi Tsutakawa (206) 464-2440 or Alan Lau (206) 782-8666. □

An Open Letter to Judge Harry Low and Secretary of State March Fong Eu from Sam Wong.

Dear Judge Low and Dr. Eu:

I have felt for a long time that there are serious problems with the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association here in San Francisco. The association claims to represent all Chinese Americans, and yet, it excludes Fa Yuan Benevolent Association to which you two belonged, Tung Hwa Association, and countless others.

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association itself has problems. I know of over fifty fund-raisers sponsored by the association which have had no accounting when they concluded. I have proof and am willing to testify.

You two are respected officials coming from our community. I am urging you to come forward to help reform the association. You can (1) urge the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association to open its door to allow others to join, and (2) let Taiwan officials know the truth of the association. Since the association has strong ties with Taiwan, maybe they can do something.

I realize that you two are local officials, and are not involved with foreign matters. Yet in the past, the board officials of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association were sent here by the Chinese government.

I am already 82 years old and spend half of my time in the hospital. I have no further political ambitions. All I would like to see is someone well-known and influential come out and help reform the Association.

Sincerely,

Samuel Wong

Sam Wong

November, 1981

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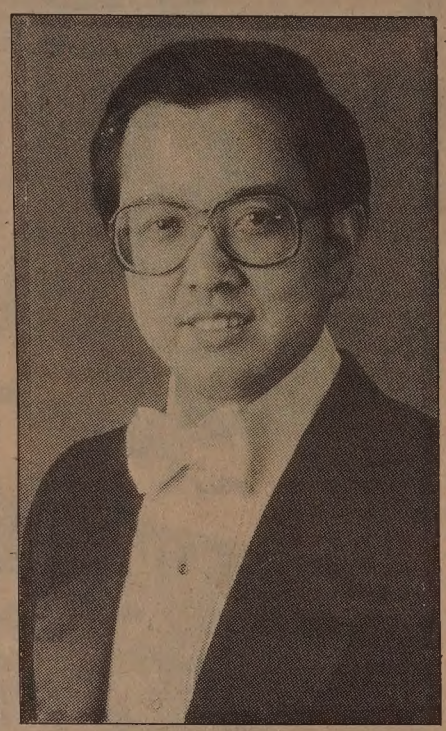
Jahja Ling Grooms Youth Orchestra for Jan. 17 Concert

SAN FRANCISCO — There was giggling in Davies Hall as members of the SF Symphony's new youth orchestra assembled on stage for an open rehearsal two weeks ago. But when conductor Jahja Ling raised his baton and the 89-member ensemble began to play, the sounds coming forth from the stage were full, rich and professional.

The youth orchestra, the symphony's first in its 72 years of existence, began rehearsing this fall under the leadership of Indonesian-born Ling. (*E/W* 8/12/81) It's members, ranging in age from 10 to 19, come from all over the Bay Area to rehearse on Saturday afternoons in Davies Hall, and their rehearsal Nov. 14 was open to the public.



Jahja Ling.

FEELING

"They're attentive, disciplined and they work like professionals," Ling said. "Playing in Davies Hall is a big treat for them. There's a feeling of sound here — we can simulate performance at our rehearsals."

The orchestra is now rehearsing Haydn's London Symphony, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G major in preparation for a Jan. 17 concert. Though they played the pieces through during rehearsal, most of the time was spent practicing and perfecting difficult sections, all under Ling's gentle but demanding tutelage:

"Sing every note," he told the cellos. "Don't make it too late or too loud," he instructed the brass section. And in joking admonishment to the woodwinds, "If you don't play well the violins will take over." Repetition after repetition, Ling, casually attired in turtleneck and sports jacket, kept on smiling.

"I'm tough, I ask for a lot of details, but they're fantastic," Ling said. "I'm surprised that after three hours of rehearsal even the 10, 11 and 12-year-olds are attentive and concentrated." Though he uses the same conducting techniques as he does when conducting an adult orchestra, Ling said that with the youth orchestra he runs rehearsals more in the role of teacher.

PERFECT

"I have to explain structure and phrasing. Adult (orchestras) don't have as many rehearsals, they're more rushed and also more experienced," he explained, noting that some of the young people have never played in an orchestra before. "Sometimes I have to do things more clearly for the youth orchestra. I beat more heavily for them until they get it on their own."

While the SF Symphony Orchestra may perform several concerts each month, and has several concert pieces in its repertoire, Ling said the youth orchestra will concentrate on mastering a few pieces until they are "as perfect as possible."

At least two members of the youth orchestra are continuing music careers begun in China. Gok Lum, 19, came to SF two years ago from Guangzhou, where she'd studied the violin. Now a student at the SF Conservatory, she called the youth orchestra "very wonderful," and said she liked the conductor very much.

Fellow violinist Liang Xiaohong, also 19, and a student at the conservatory, agreed with Lum that the orchestra was a wonderful opportunity to practice and learn. Liang, who came from Shanghai only 10 months ago, had never played in an orchestra before, though she had studied violin for 10 years.

NERVOUS

"Many months ago I heard a SF orchestra performance, and I thought I would like to play," she said. After joining the youth orchestra, Liang said she was nervous at first. "I'm not very good at sight-reading. I practiced all the difficult parts at home, until I could play them well. There's no difference in the way we're treated (according to age). It depends on our practice — the more experienced players are put up front."

Lum also confessed to nervousness when she began playing in Davies Hall, but said she got used to the elegant surroundings after a few rehearsals. "It's the nicest hall I've ever played in," she added.

For parents of musically-inclined children, Ling recommended exposure to all types of music as the best way to encourage children. "They have to try it, to taste it, and if they like it their talent will develop from there," He said. "There are radio broadcasts, recordings, live concerts — that's why we have young people's concerts.

"Most children want to play songs, not practice their fingering. You can't force them, but you should build up their interest. If they just play what they like they won't improve," he continued. The members of the youth orchestra, despite the hours of rehearsals with Ling and in small groups led by adult SF Symphony members, are still enthusiastic about their music, Ling said.

And in the audience, Liang's father, who taught his daughter to play the violin, recalled his days with the Shanghai Symphony. "Watching the rehearsal means a lot more with Xiaohong on the stage," Liang Youwen said. "When I see all those children up there, I think there's a very exciting future for music." □

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Irene Hirano Heads California Women's Commission

SACRAMENTO — Irene Hirano of Los Angeles was re-elected chairperson of the California Commission on the Status of Women last month. Appointed to the commission by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1976, Hirano runs the To Help Everyone Clinic for Women in Los Angeles. She is on the board of directors of the National Women's Health Network, and president of both the Los Angeles and California Asian/Pacific Women's Networks.

"It's both an honor and a challenge to serve as chair of the Commission for 1981-82," she said. "The women of this state have already demonstrated that when they unite behind an issue they believe in, they constitute a force that cannot be ignored." □

Dentists Honored In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — Dentists Dan Yuke and George Kawahara were honored for their long service to the community last month at the second annual meeting of the Asian Dentists of Sacramento at the Aomi Restaurant. Both Yuke and Kawahara are 1933 graduates from the University of the Pacific College of Physicians and Surgeons. □

Report Studies Aff. Action Students

DAVIS — A study of Educational Opportunity Program and affirmative action students who left UC Davis before graduating found that minority and non-minority students left for near-identical reasons.

"Difficulty with coursework" was cited by 41% of the students who were admitted under affirmative action programs as well as by 41% of the non-minority students who left UCD, the 1980 study showed. Of the low income and ethnic minority students surveyed, 33% left in academic difficulty, but 75% went on to continue studies at other institutions.

A sense of social isolation, lack of unity within ethnic groups, and factors such as "unclear goals, lack of motivation or home responsibilities" were other reasons affirmative action students withdrew from UCD, Marianne Rasor, author of the study, reported.

Rasor, an administrative analyst in UCD's office of student of affairs, concluded that these students were not failures. Many reported that college enrollment increased their maturity and self-confidence, and helped them clarify their priorities.

Greater outreach in secondary schools, fostering more meaningful social interaction among students, and expanding support services are steps universities should take to increase the success of low income and ethnic minority students, Rasor recommended. □

A/PA Advocates Plan Dec. 4 Fundraiser In LA's Chinatown

LOS ANGELES — The LA region of the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) will kick off its fundraising efforts with a dinner on Fri., Dec. 4, at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway. No host cocktails will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Seid, president of APAAC.

The LA region joins the collective efforts of four other regions, San Diego, Central Valley, Sacramento and SF, to raise $100,000 for the first year of operation.

For information and dinner reservations contact Bill Chang (213) 922-4924, Beverly Chan (213) 227-9810 or J. D. Hokoyama 380-5048. □

Regina L. Chun Named as Wells Fargo Vice-president

SAN FRANCISCO — Regina Liang Chun was recently appointed a vice president of Wells Fargo Bank. Her appointment expands the banks v.p. ranks to 699 — 15% of whom are now women. Chun, 32, lives in Novato and is a manager of Northern California loan administration for the bank's real estate industries group. □

UCSF Slates Tibet Lecture

SAN FRANCISCO — Louis Reichardt, expedition leader of the American Mt. Everest expedition, 1981, will give a slide/lecture presentation called "First in Tibet," on Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 pm, at UCSF's Cole Hall Auditorium, 513 Parnassus Ave. Tickets are $4, and will be available at the Millberry Union Central Desk, 500 Parnassus Ave. Reichardt, is a professor of physiology at UCSF, and led the team in their recent unsuccessful attempt to pioneer a new route up the east face, the only unclimbed face of the mountain. For information, call the UCSF Committee for Arts & Lectures at 666-2019. □

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Proposed Roast Duck Bill Greeted with Interest in SF

By MARY CASTAGNOZZI

SAN FRANCISCO — A bill seeking an amendment to the regulations governing the handling of roast duck, which LA Assemblyman Art Torres has announced he will propose to the legislature in January with the support of the LA-based United Chinese Restaurants Association, would be met with considerable interest locally (E/W 11/11/81).

"I want to see what tests will be done in LA (in support of the bill), I'd be interested — it would save a lot of problems," commented Paul Schwabacher, assistant director of the SF bureau of environmental health. Although by state code the roast ducks should be refrigerated, countless red ducks can be seen hanging in Chinatown store windows, and Schwabacher admitted that he hadn't heard of any food-poisoning cases resulting from them.

HANGING

"If the consultant (working on the tests) comes up with something to prove it's all right to let them hang, great! But if not, then they should be refrigerated," he said.

Sam Louie, head of the Chinatown Community American Cooks School, is more supportive of the LA effort. "We need a law. We need to go to the legislature. We need research — we need to demonstrate to people that it's all right. In my experience, there's never been any harm done," Louie said.

According to traditional roasting methods, fresh ducks are first marinated with spices, and then boiling water is poured over them to remove excess fat. The ducks are then hung, usually at room temperature and often with fans blowing to assist the drying process, so that the skin can dry completely, and to maximize its later crispiness. The hanging can be from a few hours, to overnight, to 24 hours for the traditional Peking duck (Louie, however, reported that his more-modern method involves hanging the Peking duck for only seven to eight hours . Hanging a duck too long can pose a problem, too, he noted.)

After hanging, the ducks are roasted in 400-degree ovens for 45 to 60 minutes, when they are removed from the oven and hung to cool. Louie maintains that in most Chinatown shops the ducks sell quickly, and seldom hang more than seven hours. Most are refrigerated at night if not sold, he said.

Under current state health code regulations, all perishable foods must be maintained at 40 F or lower, or at 140 F or higher, which may impair the flavor of roast duck, according to many Chinese cooks. Dried, salted and otherwise preserved foods are not subject to this requirement since they can not spoil.

ETHNIC

"They've had roast duck for 2,000 to 3,000 years in China, and it's been in the US already for 100 years. There's been no harm," Louie insisted. The short hanging time, and the use of spices, salt and soy sauce in the marination process all preclude any serious threat from bacterial growth, Louie believes. He sees it as being similar to salami and other such products, but he also sees the need forconcrete, scientific evidence of the safeness of such preparation, or an educational effort if proven dangerous.

"You need education. You can't just say it's dirty — you need to teach why. Otherwise, they (the cooks) don't know. The health department has a responsibility to teach, not just condemn. People come to our school from all over the world, and the codes are different in different places," Louie said.

"Theoretically, the ducks are not supposed to be hung like this," noted Al Chinn, director of the environmental health inspectors from health district four, in which Chinatown is located. "But you have to take into account, this is sort of an ethnic thing, and I don't know what would happen if we tried to enforce the code with ducks."

While Chinn had never heard of any food-poisoning cases resulting from roast ducks, he pointed out that many may not associate an upset stomach or diarrhea with specific foods, and noted that poultry is especially susceptible to salmonella.

HOT POTATO

Although Chin said he has on several occasions asked UC Davis if they have a study on the hazards of roast duck preparation methods, none have been produced. "But we really don't need them — we know the ducks are subject to bacterial growth. One good thing, though, is the rapidity of sales in Chinatown. You can find 20-40 empty boxes a day outside some shops," Chinn said.

Noting a "slow chipping away" at improper, even if traditionally acceptable, food handling practices, Chinn reported that the Chinatown restaurants had basically been brought up to code, with a general awareness of health code requirements. "Right now we're sort of back to square one with this new wave of immigrants and refugees," Chinn added, noting that while most are willing and able to work in restaurants and food shops, few are aware of food handling requirements.

(As an example, he pointed out that many ignore the code-mandated stainless steel tables for chopping and preparing food, and instead prefer to square on the floor and work into small blow bowls or cutting bas boards. Mini-sessions educating new cooks and kitchen helpers about local codes are being proposed, Chinn said.)

"This year we're concentrating on requirements to keep hot foods hot, and maybe ducks will come next year. But it will certainly be a hot potato," Chinn forecast. "It's a very sensitive area, and we'd first start with a program to educate them, not just hit them with a notice. We'd set dates, and deadlines."

The LA health department has recently undertaken a more vigorous campaign against the hanging roast ducks, which has prompted this recent rallying effort by the United Chinese Restaurant Association. Schwabacher noted that the weather in LA is considerably warmer than in SF, and may prompt stricter LA attitudes.

"I hope the tests do prove support the growth of bacteria in these ducks. I'd love to see it because I think it should be stopped. It has become a battle royale, and I'm sick and tired of hiring "custom." What's a custom one place might just not be allowable here . . . But we don't know everything, and if it's a safe product, great," Schwabacher said, noting that the tests are "the right way to go about it," but "they have to show us."

According to Phoebe Yee of the LA United Chinese Restaurant Association, numerous phone calls from restaurant and Chinese civic groups in California and New York has been received in support of their efforts. The association's strategy on the bill, which Assemblyman Torres will introduce in January, is still unclear, Yee said. It will definitely address the handling of roast duck, but it is uncertain now whether or not they will include other roasted, marinated foods such as chao siu, roast chicken and other dim sum foods.

C'town Business Women Plan Dec. 9 Christmas Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO — The Chinatown Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a Family Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 9, at Empress of China Ballroom, 838 Grant Avenue, at 6 pm.

Guest speaker will be Supervisor John Molinari, President of the SF Board of Supervisors. Reservations for the dinner will be $15 for adults and $13 for children. Reservations should be made by December 2 by calling Jennifer Quock 665-2755. □

Chinese Librarians Meet Dec.14 in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — "Chinese Americans: Oral History and Survey of Library Collections" will be the subject of a program sponsored by the Chinese Librarians Association on Monday, Dec. 14 from 1-3 pm in Rm. Toyon A and B of the SF Hilton.

Wei Chi Poon, head librarian at UC Berkeley's Asian American Studies Library, and Suellen Cheng of UCLA's Chinese Oral History Project, will be the featured speakers. For information contact Gladys Chaw at (415) 574-6100 or Lillian Chan at (714) 265-6715. □

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Lesbian and Gay Asians: A Minority Within a Minority

By MARK J. JUE

SAN FRANCISCO — Although within the past few years the gay community has made significant gains in its struggles for acceptance and equality, this has not been the case for gay Asians, who by being both gay and Asian are often subjected to double persecution. Little, if any research exists about this unique component of our community who, as a "minority within a minority," often experience loneliness, isolation and rejection.

"Gay Asians do exist, we shouldn't be a disgrace to the community. We have a lot to contribute. Many of us are involved in the arts, in cultural groups and in all walks of life. We want to be understood and accepted," explained Bill Matsumoto, general secretary of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians (ALGA). ALGA was formed last April to foster communication and provide support and understanding within the lesbian and gay Asian community.

ALGA members meet to discuss issues, (l-r, back) Grant Sun, Bill Matsumoto, Marie Shim, George Lee (front), Jack Robinson, and Richard Balugo.

STEREOTYPES

"Gay Asians do face discrimination within the gay community," Matsumoto stated. As an example, he cited Asians being subjected to multiple ID checks in various gay bars while whites are only checked once. "The gay community discriminates against its own and a lot of gay groups don't want to recognize this or they deny it because it's dirt in their face," he continued.

"Because Asians do not live up to the macho Castro Street image, stereotypes persist. Some non-Asians have paternalistic-colonialistic attitudes toward us. They believe Asians are passive and not macho which is highly chauvinistic. Yet Asians on the whole don't express ourselves that much — we were the last minority to speak out. Asians need to organize as a group and break these barriers," Matsumoto asserted.

Even more difficult for gay Asians is the challenge of coming out in their ethnic community or telling their families that they're gay. "It's harder for Asian males because they're expected to carry on the family name," Matsumoto explained. "It's hard for parents to accept, although it's estimated that 10% of the population is gay. They don't realize the possibility that their children or relatives could be gay."

CURIOUS

In choosing their partners, black and Latino gays tend to date among themselves, while gay Asians tend to prefer non-Asian partners, Matsumoto said. "I don't know why the attraction is so," Matsumoto said, but he believes the pressures to assimilate and be more socially accepted may have something to do with it.

Membership in ALGA is open to anyone interested in the needs and concerns of Asian lesbians and gays. "50 % of our membership is non-Asian," Matsumoto said, adding that without their help, ALGA would have never been formed. Some of the association's activities include discussion groups, outings and social events in both the gay and Asian community. Last summer ALGA participated for the first time in the annual Hop Jok Fair in Chinatown. "The reaction we got was overall positive," Matsumoto reported. "Some people laughed, but mainly people were curious."

The association would like to participate in more community activities in the future. "Our group wants to contribute to the Asian community," Matsumoto declared. "Our sexual preferences may be different, but we still want to help people."

ALGA also publishes literature and a monthly newsletter in an outreach effort to other gay and lesbian Asians. Monthly meetings are also held. Of the 100 paid members, the majority are foreign-born Chinese, Vietnamese and Filipinos. The average age is in the 20s for Asian members, and in the 30s for non-Asian members.

DIVERSITY

One of ALGA's major accomplishments, according to Matsumoto, has been the unification of gay and lesbian Asians who have traditionally been separate. "There is more diversity and understanding within our group," said Matsumoto, who feels it's healthy for Asian Americans to understand each other and appreciate our differences.

Gay and lesbian Asian groups exist throughout the world: there are now four active groups in SF, LA, Boston and Toronto. Members of the LA Asian Pacific Lesbian and Gays (APLG), which has over 220 paid members, travelled to the Bay Area to meet with ALGA members. The two organizations promised to support each other and do more joint work in the future.

"Just as many Asian groups and other minorities do, all we want is to be understood and accepted," Matsumoto repeated. "How can a minority such as Asians deny another minority within their own group equal rights, justice, acceptance and understanding."

"It's not bad to be gay. It's not easy, being gay does present a problem. Society as it is today does not accept homosexuality. It would be easier to be straight, but just as I was born an Asian, I'm male and gay. I accept it and I'm proud of it," he said.

For information, contact ALGA, 55 Sutter St., Suite 97, SF 94104; (415) 861-4767. □

Wah Mei Starts Saturday School On December 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Wah Mei's Chinese Saturday School will operate from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm each week, starting December 5, and ending June, 1982.

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Federal School Lunch Program Provides Needed Nutrition

By TRACY HARRIS

SAN FRANCISCO — The federally funded school lunch program, now undergoing its turn at Reaganomics, is facing budget cuts, changes in nutritional standards and tightened eligibility requirements that many school administrators fear will undermine the nutrition of thousands of school children.

Reagan's initial school lunch proposals sparked a storm of controversy last month, when it was revealed that the plan, among other changes, called for allowing ketchup and relish to be substituted as vegetables. This suggestion was quickly withdrawn, but plans to reduce the program's budget and with it the quantity and quality of the meals are still being worked on.

LOWERED

The federal government has already lowered the income eligibility levels for free or reduced priced meals, and raised the prices of the meals themselves. They have also lowered the reimbursements paid to states for lunches served in compliance with the program.

In SF this combination of increases and reductions has administrators worried. Paid participation in the program is already decreasing, as prices have risen from 60c to 90c in elementary schools, and 70c to $1 in secondary schools. Though 85% of the 30,000 children who participate daily in the program receive free meals, food services director Richard Farrar said the drop in paying lunches means less money for meals for all the students.

"I'm worried by the lack of funds coming in," he said. "We work on a profit/loss basis. We have a $10 million budget, but that's based on the number of meals we anticipate serving — we have to generate our own funds." Districts are reimbursed monthly for lunches they serve as long as they comply with federal guidelines, but these funds have also been cut back, Farrar noted.

The federal reimbursement for each full-priced lunch has been cut from 42c to 21.5c and for reduced-price lunches from $1.15 to 90c. The reimbursement for free lunches has been raised slightly, from $1.25 to $1.30, but Farrar said that under the new guidelines fewer children qualify for the free meals.

"We'll have to reduce our staff, fewer children will buy lunches, and they will shift from meals to the snack bars — and their nutritional level will suffer," Farrar said, predicting possible results of the higher prices/lower reimbursements policy. Reagan wants to restrict the program to only free or reduced price lunches and run it "like a welfare program," he continued, but without paid particpation the program will be ruined.

IMMINENT

"I hope the new meal pattern will save us some money, but unfortunately the nutritional standards will go down," he said. Under the current program a school lunch must contain two oz. of protein, ¾ cup of fruit or vegetables from two sources, one serving of whole grain or enriched bread, and eight oz. of milk in order to qualify for federal reimbursement.

Changes in these guidelines are imminent, though the US Department of Agriculture, the agency that administers federal child nutrition programs, has not yet sent out definitive guidelines. Local USDA spokesman Tino Serrano said the changes will give school districts more flexibility in what they serve and allow them to save money.

"The new meal pattern is going to give reductions (in nutritional requirements)," Farrar said. Sample requirements have included reducing the milk requirement from eight to six oz., and the fruit and vegetable requirement from ¾ to ½ a cup, he added.

"We'll save 8-10c on each meal, but we'll give less nutrition to each child," Farrar continued, noting that with reduced revenues the only alternative for local districts is to limit their offerings.

(USDA's food and nutrition service chief William Hoagland said last week that the new proposals would help prevent "plate waste" by letting children decide whether they want full portions, and would also resolve the issue of substituting soybean meal, nuts or seeds for meat.)

WORKING

Though menu changes have yet to take place, many SF school principals are already concerned about the effects of reducing school lunches' nutritional content.

"If the schools have said they're going to provide a nutritional lunch, they shouldn't cut the nutritional level," Commodore Stockton principal Ruby Hong said. "If the budget is cut then quality and quantity are affected. There are a lot of working parents, and it helps them not to have to make lunch."

At Commodore Stockton, an elementary school located at 949 Washington St., 557 of the 684 students are eligible for free lunches, but Hong did not know how many had been disqualified due to the new income levels.

For a family of four, the maximum annual income for free lunch eligibility has been lowered from $11,520 to $10,990, and for reduced price lunches eligibility has been lowered from $17,440 to $15,630. Farrar said figures were not yet available on the number of students in SF disqualified under the new guielines.

At SF's Newcomer High School, principal Paul Cheng is not worried about the new income levels because most of his students are already "rock bottom." But he is concerned about proposed changes in the quantity and content of the lunches, which provide many of his students with their major meal of the day.

PORTIONS

Of the 366 students currently enrolled at Newcomer High School, 363 are eligible for free lunches. For many of the students, 70% of whom are Asian refugees or immigrants, this meal is the most they eat all day, and Cheng is worried about the possibility that portions will be reduced.

"The portions are small enough as they are. The little portions of vegetables are not adequate, and the students always want seconds," he said. "They still feel hunger pangs (after lunch) and they're forced to spend what little money they have on junk food. That's bad nutritionally and economically." About one-third of the students also receive free breakfasts at school, he added.

"We have no notion of what their food intake is at home," Cheng continued. Many of the students have come to the US without their parents, and they must rely on their older brothers' and sisters' nutritional judgement.

The situation is similar at the Chinese Education Center, a newcomer school for grades K-5. All but one of th 170 students receive free lunches, and principal Carolyn Hee said parents' income levels are so low there is no worry of the children being cut from the program. But if the lunches' content is reduced, Hee said there would be no way to insure that the families could provide comparable meals.

"In some families meals are provided conscientiously, but in others the parents work late and aren't able to cook dinner for their children," she said.

Another problem at the center, as at most elementary schools, is teaching the children to eat everything that's served them. "American food is new to their tastebuds," Hee said, "and they have to learn that American food consists of Italian, Spanish, all types of dishes."

MONITORS

The four basic food groups are taught in the classroom, and cafeteria monitors try to make sure that each child has eaten at least half of his or her lunch, she continued.

Both the Chinese Education Center and Newcomer High School serve meals that are planned for the entire city through Farrar's office, and it often takes the children some time to adapt to the new foods. Hee's Cheng and Hong (almost 70% of Commodore Stockton's students are Asian) agreed that cheese is almost universally disliked by Asian students.

Though most learn to drink milk, Hong pointed out that many Asians are allergic to milk and dairy products, and that macaroni and cheese is never a popular item.

"Ethnic preferences are not being met,"Cheng said. While burritos, Spanish rice and similar foods appear frequently on the lunch menu, he said there should be more rice, more Chinese-style noodles — rather than often "mushy" spaghetti — and stir-fried vegetables.

"More Asian dishes would delight their taste buds," he declared. Nutrition is taught in class, but Cheng said many Newcomer students have taken on the "horrible American habit" of eating chips and drinking soda in the morning. "Maybe it's a sign of acculturation," he suggested.

COOKIES

At the Chinese Education Center teachers warn students that the next day's meal may be one they don't like, for example toasted cheese sandwiches, so that they will bring their own lunches if they prefer. But in the absence of a desirable school lunch, many children bring cookies and chips, Hee said.

For the most part SF's public schools are ethnically balanced, Farrar said, and ethnic foods such as burritos, tacos and pizza are included regularly. "The most popular item in Chinatown is ravioli — it's like wonton," he said.

Though new federal guidelines have not yet been put forth, how to supplement the certain-to-be-reduced school lunch program is a problem these administrators know they will have to face.

"If we rally support from the parents it might help," Hong said. "I feel the parents, especially parents at our school, do their best to make sure their children have a proper lunch, but if there's no close monitoring we can't guarantee the quality. We can't make sure they bring milk and not soda pop."

The school lunch program is especially important to refugees and other low-income students, Cheng and Hee both stressed. neither reported any embarrassment or hesitation to sign up for the free lunches, and despite his call for more Asian foods, Cheng said few of the students complain about the meals.

"They eat it because there's nothing else," he said. "They may not be aware of nutritional content, but they're hungry." □

Children at the Chinese Education Center enjoying a school lunch. Picture, l. to r.: Nathan Nguyen, Muriel Han, Rachelle Ngu and Burton Tan.

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The 400-year-old vase is especially rare because it is decorated with polychrome enamels rather than the blue and white commonly used during that period, and is in near-perfect condition. It was bought by a London dealer specializing in Asian art, who commented that he had come to LA specifically to buy that piece.

Other sales that highlighted the Nov. 2 Asian art auction included a Ming polychrome bowl for $67,500; two Guanyin statues, one stone and one wood, for $27,500 and $16,000 respectively; a Tang pottery figure of a standing maiden for $23,000; and a Tang figure of a foreign dancer for $14,000. □

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Gayle Chan Leads Gourmet Tour to Asia

By BARBARA DING

DALY CITY — Gayle Chan, a Chinese-cooking class teacher at Jefferson Union Adult School, will lead a gourmet tour to Taipei, Hong Kong, and Guangzhou in early December. The special 18-day tour will guide the participants to taste Chinese food from different regions and take Chinese cooking classes — a vacation plan that combines culinary experiences with touring and leisure.

A former home economics teacher and an instructor of Chinese cooking classes for six years, Chan has led gourmet tours to East Asia twice during the past five years.

UNSURE

"Born in the United States, I learned all my Chinese cooking skills from my mother," who was also American-born, Chan explained. Her family used to own a small Chinese retaurant, she added. "But when I became a Chinese cooking-class teacher six years ago, I started to wonder whether I was really doing all right," she continued.

Unsure of the authenticity of her American Chinese cuisine, Chan started to search for the answer. "I asked many people in the Bay Area whether they had taken any 'authentic' Chinese cooking class, and the answer was always 'no'," she recalled.

The general American public may not notice that native Chinese joke about the American-invented Chinese dishes, such as chop suey. But Chan is particularly conscious about the differences between American and native Chinese cuisine. To satisfy her own curiosity and to share the experience with people fond of Chinese cuisine, Chan organized her first gourmet tour to Asia in 1977.

The basic philosophy behind the tour is simple but persuasive: in order to learn about Chiense cooking, one ought to be exposed to the culture that created it. And, behind the delicious Chinese cuisine, are skills accumulated from thousands of years of experience, she said.

WONDERLAND

During the first and second tour, they chose to visit several Chinese cities — Hong Kong, Taipei, and Singapore, plus another Asian city, once Tokyo, and once Bangkok — with the purpose to compare its cuisine with Chinese cooking. Both tours included visiting restaurants, watching cooking demonstration in the restaurant kitchens, taking classes in local schools, and sightseeing.

"With a whole group of Chinese food 'addicts', we felt courageous in our wonderland," Chan recalled. Together, they tasted Mongolian Bar-B-Q, mandarian-style breakfasts, Cantonese pastry and much more.

Although some of these dishes are also available at certain Chinese restaurants in the Bay Area, Chan noted that a different attitude toward them was felt while in Asia. "For instance, I hardly felt interested in Chinese doughnuts and baked buns — a kind of every-day breakfast for northern Chinese — when I was in the US. But everywhere in Taipei on street corners, we saw the owners of little shops making and selling them on the spot. Our curiosity naturally grew," Chan said.

With advance notice given, the group often watched the master chef in famous restaurants cook. Other times, they took cooking classes (in English) in local schools. Chan especially appreciates Fu Pei-mei, one of the best-known Chinese cooking teachers in Taipei. With these new lessons, Chan refined some lessons in her own cooking class for advanced students. She was also impressed with the special vegetable carving techniques taught in Hong Kong and Taipei cooking schools.

Gayle Chan

GREASINESS

Chan is particularly fond of Cantonese pastry made in local Hong Kong restaurants. "But, they put so much lard in, we Americans just couldn't get used to it," Chan said. She also found minor differences in cooking procedure.

"For instance, some Hong Kong restaurant chefs poured hot oil over raw meat to gradually warm it up, instead of directly frying it in a pan," she recalled. The purpose was to make the meat tenderer, but, again, she said, "we Americans just couldn't get used to the greasiness."

Most people who joined the past two gourmet tours were non-Chinese with no previous travel experience in Asia, but they in general had a wonderful time. "Sometimes, though, there were problems. There was a woman once who got so homesick, she would ask for a hot dog rather than join us for a Chinese dinner," she said.

This time, Chan plans to have part of the schedule of the gourmet tour open, so that participants may tailor it to their best interests, and participants also have the option to stay in Asia longer.

People interested in the program may contact the Winds Express, Inc. at 495-5815, or Gayle Chan at 751-8378. □

Appraisers Society Honors Richard Jue

LOS ANGELES — Richard Jue, a staff appraiser with National Appraisal Corporation of Los Angeles, was recently awarded the Senior Residential Appraiser designation by the board of governors of the International Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

Jue has been an appraiser for more than five years, dealing primarily with residential appraising. He has also been active within this local chapter, SREA Chapter No. 1, serving on both the Seminar and Progress Committees. □

NEMS Lecture Examines Effects Of Salt on Organs

SAN FRANCISCO — Northeast Medical Services (1520 Stockton St.) is sponsoring a lecture "How Does Salt Affect Your Vital Organs" — by Dr. Wesley Jan, kidney specialist, on Tues., Dec. 1 from 1-2 pm. The free lecture will be in English and Cantonese. For information, call 391-9686 Health Educator. □

Asian Handicrafts Auctioned at Fiberworks Bazaar

BERKELEY — Fiberworks' 8th annual bazaar and auction will take place on Nov. 28 and 29, from 10 am to 4 pm at 1940 Bonita Ave. Items include handicrafts from Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines and China. For information, call Fiberworks at (415) 548-6030. □

Rep. Matsui Joins US-Japan Panel

WASHINGTON — Congressman Robert Matsui has been appointed to a panel on US-Japan relations, Elliot L. Richardson, chairman of the US United Nations Association, announced recently.

The panel, entitled the "Parallel Studies Program," is co-sponsored by the UN Association and the Asia Pacific Association of Japan. It has been established to promote research, discussion and publication on issues facing the US and Japan, with special emphasis on security questions.

"I am honored to be asked to participate in the work of this important group," Matsui said. "We hope we will be able to broaden the network of influential Americans concerned with Japanese-American relations."

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Asian Neighborhood Design Offers Energy, Repair Advice

By ANDY CHAN

SAN FRANCISCO — "Even though I live in a small hotel room, I'll squeeze this in somewhere!" Don Lin Gee declared proudly, her hands embracing the closet she had just won in a drawing sponsored by the Asian Neighborhood Design (AND), a community agency offering technical advice and assistance to residents, as well as social agencies and businesses, to improve their physical environment.

About 100 senior citizens showed up this past Saturday morning as witnesses for this drawing at Self Help for the Elderly, 640 Pine St. The purpose of the drawing was to publicize to the Chinese community two closely related programs of AND: "Chinatown Energy Conservation Program" and "Chinese Community Housing Advisory Service."

DISMANTLED

In the Hop Jok Fair this past August, AND had set up a booth to publicize these two programs. Anyone who had requested a home visit by an AND Energy Program auditor and actually followed through with the request was eligible for the drawing. There were 13 prizes in all, ranging from energy-conservation devices such as weather strips to multi-functional furnitures (such as stepstool with hinged door that opens up for storage) designed and built by students who participated in a furniture designing workshop, yet another project sponsored by AND.

The Chinatown Energy Conservation Program has been in existence for several years now, while the Chinese Community Housing Advisory Service began operation last February. Funding sources for both programs include Office of Community Development, State Housing Committee, California Energy Extension, the city, and various foundations.

"Funding is on a year-to-year basis, and with the Department of Energy in the process of being dismantled and with the general budget-cutting trend in government funding, we never know how long we'll be operating," noted Alex Lo, coordinator of both programs.

According to Lo, the Chinatown Energy Conservation Program provides the following services:

• Residential home visits. At request, a certified energy auditor will visit and inspect homes to give advice on how to eliminate energy waste and cold spots, minimize heat loss, and improve general insulation. The visits are also extended to business establishments such as offices, restaurants, groceries and supermarkets.

MAGNITUDE

To dramatize the magnitude of the possible savings in energy costs for proprietors, Lo cited this impressive statistics from a study conducted by the SF Hyatt Regency Hotel in 1979 on the possible savings if certain energy-saving measures were implemented: "There are 2500 incandescent light fixtures and 864 fluorescent fixtures in the lobbies and hallways of the hotel. If the fluorescent lights were turned off for 12 hours a day, and dimmers installed to reduce the illumination of the incandescent lights by 25%, the total annual savings in energy would come to 219,490 kilowatt hours — the equivalent of $7,682 at 1979 rates."

• Free home-insulation services — Having completed a home visit, again at request, a certified energy specialist will, where necessary, install weather strips on draft-causing doors and windows, repair minor gas leaks, install insulation blankets over the hot water heater, mend or replace broken windows, caulk all cracks and chinks on walls and near windows where heat may escape. Again the services are free, cost of the materials used being the only charge involved.

• Sale of energy-saving devices at cost —At no profit, the Energy Program will sell you various energy-saving devices. These devices include: Weather strips, water heater insulation blankets, caulking guns, and compact circular fluorescent lamps that fit conventional incandescent bulk sockets, giving 100-watt equivalent illumination while rated at only 22 watts electricity-consumption.

IMPORTANCE

• Workshops — Workshops on energy conservation are conducted on a regular basis in schools and social agencies, and at the invitation of any business and non-profit groups with more than 8 members.

• Free hot-line advice — Anyone with a problem or question concerning the conservation of energy, may call (415) 982-2758 during office hours and an energy specialist will respond. Free informational pamphlets are also available.

"The program basically seeks to promote the conservation of energy through workshops and home visits to educate people to the importance of saving energy and money," energy program auditor and home visit Catherine Lau summed up.

The other related program, "Chinese Community Housing Advisory Service," though a distinct and separate entity, bears much similarity to the Energy Program in objectives, functions, and services provided. "For all practical purpose," Lo admitted, "you might as well regard the two programs as one."

HAZARDS

In explaining the goals of the Chinese Community Housing Advisory Service Program, Lo pointed to some of the environmental problems that gave rise to the conception of such a program: inadequate heating and ventilation, electrical and plumbing code violations, rodent and pest problems.

"Our aim," Lo explained, "is to educate the people so affected, alert them to the possible safety and health (mental as well as physical) hazards that may exist, and offer advice and *short-term* solutions of a technical nature."

Lo went on to detail the "Housing" program's various services:

• Home visits — Similar to the "Energy" program home visits, a specialist will inspect dwellings for any health and safety hazards and propose possible solutions. This free service is open to all, without regard to age or location in the city.

• Minor home repairs — This service is available only to seniors age 50 and over. Services include patching cracks and holes in walls and ceilings, repairing leaky faucets and toilet bowls, unclogging sinks and bathtubs, installing locks on front doors, repairing or replacing broken windows and doors. Labor is provided at no cost; only material costs are charged.

UNTIDY

• Low-cost furniture rentals — Due to the lack of living and storage space and the tendency for Chinese senior citizens to keep a miscellany of useless objects around the home, the typical single-room hotel dwelling in Chinatown is not only untidy and disorganized; sometimes it even poses serious health and safety hazards, Lo noted. Food and insecticide (unlabeled) being stored in the same cabinet is one example.

The furniture-rental idea is designed to remedy this problem. Any low-income person over 50 years of age is eligible for the rental of up to several pieces of furniture, all designed and constructed by students of the Asian Neighborhood Design sponsored "furniture design" workshop, at the nominal rate of $1 a piece per year. The furniture includes storage cabinets, closets, beds with built-in storage drawers, shelves and tables, all designed with functionality and practicality in mind.

Lo, whose background is in environmental health, then continues wistfully to note other problems. "But we still face problems: politics — the relationship between landlord and tenant. While we provide assistance to correct the short-term problems, our long-term goal is one of eduating the tenants not to be afraid of talking to the landlords concerning deficiencies that exist in their dwellings.

"Though the tenants must meet their responsibility of alerting the landlord to any violations of health and safety codes in the building, the landlords must also fulfill *their* responsibility of correcting the deficiencies.

"This is obviously a very sensitive issue, since the landlord can easily evict any tenant who "causes trouble." Our job, again, is to educate the people — tenants *and* landlords alike — to be more aware of the mutual benefit gained by making a good faith effort to correct the existing environmental problems," Lo explained.

Workshops and technical advice from the Chinese Community Housing Advisory Service are also available to Chinatown landlords and single-dwelling homeowners who want to "self-help" themselves. For information, contact them at 982-2758. □

The winner of this AND-produced cabinet, Don Lin Gee (r) stands with the Energy Program auditor Catherine Lau, and Alex Lo, coordinator of the program. (Photo by Leland Wong)

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Rumors of War Amidst Cries of the Needy

(The following article by Robert Lee is an edited excerpt from an article in the Nov. 4, 1981 edition of The Christian Century. *Dr. Lee, a Margaret Dollar professor of social ethics at SF Theological Seminary, is the author of* China Journal: Glimpses of a Nation in Transition, *which recorded his impressions of China during a 1979 trip, and is available from East/West Book Serive. —Ed.)*

By ROBERT LEE

Ronald Reagan, bringing along his theories of Reaganomics, was swept into office on a popular tide. Like many others, I had hoped that the new measures initiated under the banner of supply-side economics would bring the nation out of its economic stagnation.

Now I see that there is a fatal flaw, an Achilles heel: a miscalculation regarding military defense spending. We hear rumors of war. The primeval tom-toms still beat, even while nuclear weaponry proliferates.

BLANK CHECK

In order to ease up on the accelerator of runaway federal spending (for example, it costs taxpayers some $90 billion just to pay the annual interest on our mounting national debt), the new administration sought to move toward fiscal discipline and responsiblity.

Yet, while everything else is being chopped back, military spending enjoys what amounts almost to a blank check (notwithstanding Reagan's recent minute — less than 2% — reduction of the defense budget, under pressure from Wall Street and his budget director).

Few people seem to realize that supply-side economics can come a cropper if defense weaponry is allowed to be exempt from cost controls. The Pentagon is planning a steady expansion of military spending at a rate of 7 to 9% a year — *after inflation*. If inflation amounts to 12%, then the increases in military spending would be 19-21% per year.

To accommodate these rates of additional spending to a decrease in taxes and a planned-for balanced budget by election year 1984, the theoretical assumptions of supply-side economics set as a goal the stimulation of production — the "supply" side of the supply-and-demand equation.

ASSUMPTIONS

Incentives are increased for individuals and businesses to produce more, to work harder in order to increase productivity, to save more in order to have a base for capital formation, and to invest more in order to benefit the entire economy.

The means for achieving these goals are: (1) a cut in government spending in all areas except defense; (2) a slash in the rate of individual income taxes, letting people keep more if they earn more; and (3) generous tax breaks for business in new plants and equipment.

The net result is supposed to be that new investments and harder work will bring about increased output, more employment, new plants, new jobs, an expanding economy and increased tax receipts.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Supply-side economics is based on a set of assumptions for which there is no empirical verification.

OPTIMISTIC

To raise some specific concerns:

1. The projections of supply-side economics are highly optimistic. They assume that the Gross National Product will expand dramatically, and thus tax cuts can be accommodated and military spending can pay for itself via economic growth. Note that the Office of Management and Budget projects a 7% growth rate for the economy next year. I would be extremely surprised to see this kind of boom.

2. The administration is discovering how shockingly difficult and painful the process of cutting nondefense government spending really is, especially when the cuts affect political supporters (such as senior citizens and social security recipients). It will be difficult if not impossible to reduce federal expenditures enough to offset the spurt in military spending and the built-in fixed costs, such as interest on the national debt.

3. With regard to an increase in productivity as the panacea, it is not the quantity of supply that is the problem, but rather the quality. There are enough automobiles coming off the assembly lines in Detroit; the trouble is that Americans are looking for better-quality products and so are buying cars made in Japan and West Germany. The same applies for steel, textiles and other industries.

4. The assumption that increases in wages or tax cuts will increase savings may not be valid. There is simply no guarantee that people or corporations with more money available will save these funds or put them to productive use. Instead, individuals could turn to spending on frivolous things, and companies could engage in $7 billion mergers and acquisitions. Does the corralling of $25 billion in borrowed bank funds at a time of soaring interest rates — so that three giant corporations can compete for the world's ninth largest oil company — represent a form of productive investment?

MILITARY

My sincere hope is that supply-side economics will correct some distortions, thus bringing our economy into better balance. My fear, however, is that miscalculations or the failure of Reaganomics could turn President Reagan into the Herbert Hoover of the 1980s.

Where military spending is concerned, billions of dollars are treated like loose pocket change — $226 billion in the defense budget for fiscal 1982, more than double the entire GNP of India. The navy proposed to spend $120 billion over the next five years.

To portray graphically how much a billion dollars is, a billion one-dollar bills placed end to end would stretch from here to the moon — and back! A billion seconds ago was 1945. A billion minutes ago, Christ was alive. A billion hours ago was the age of the dinosaurs. Yet it takes only 15 hours to spend a billion dollars in Washington, DC.

And remember that what we are talking about is not just a billion dollars; that would be peanuts. The administration's blueprint for military spending calls for a total of $1.3 to $1.5 *trillion* over the next five years. To reach $1.3 trillion, we would have to stack up 15 piles of $1,000 bills, each pile as tall as Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain.

Anglican Bishop Charles Gore said that "love is statistics with compassion," a notion that ought to help one to deal with such astronomical figures. The Reagan administration has shown little compassion toward those who are ill-housed and ill-fed, instead making a cruel choice: a shifting of priorities to an armaments race plunging us toward nuclear oblivion.

DANGEROUS

More than ten yeas ago we were told that 100 nuclear bombs exploding in the US, or the Soviet Union would result in 37 million deaths and destroy two-thirds of the target nation's industrial power. So if 300 of the 50,000 available nuclear weapons are ever fired, with even the cockroaches be left to inherit the earth?

Now we are building weapons even more lethal. Remember what the late General Omar Bradley said: "Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants... We know more about killing than we know about living."

For we are embarked on a dangerous race to acquire superweapons. Money is pouring out to develop hypothetical weapons for a hypothetical war. War and the rumors of war.

Huge sums for military expenditures are likely to fuel another round of inflation (with soaring interest rates), a debasing of the currency, and a drain on productive investment by soaking up scarce capital resources. Massive military spending has short-term boom consequences in defense industries but an adverse impact over a longer term, thus perpetuating the boom-and-bust cycle.

Nations with relatively low defense outlays, such as Japan and West Germany, have actually fared better economically than those with vast defense budgets.

BOOST

We are engaged in the most massive military spending boost in the nation's history. Lyndon Johnson learned the bitter lesson that even a rich nation cannot bear the burden of both guns and butter without an increase in taxes.

But the issue today is not guns versus butter; in the face of potential nuclear holocaust, it is guns versus all that we cherish and hold dear — guns versus what we know as civilization and humane life on God's planet.

Since the consequences were inflationary in the post-Vietnam period, one would have a difficult time escaping the conclusion that military spending in such massive doses will lead to an inflationary binge. Thus the consequences of a defense buildup not only contain the seeds of a military conflagration, either by design or by accident, but also could spell economic disaster. Consider what war and the rumors of war have done to the inflation rate in Israel.

I am not in any way advocating unilateral or total disarmament. Rather, I am speaking to the clear and present danger of an ever-escalating arms race. From the beginning of the atomic age we have been vulnerable to miscalculation, and that vulnerability is reaching unprecedented heights with our achievement of ever higher levels of supersophisticated, high-technology weaponry systems.

MADNESS

For three decades we have managed not to fire our nuclear weapons. With the prospects of further escalation in new generations of weapons currently in the field and on the drawing boards, have we now let loose a Frankensteinian monster to roam at will, being cheered on by worldwide madness?

It is not just the United States, but the Soviet Union and many other nations as well that are caught up in the vicious spiral of war and the rumors of war. How often we have heard that if we don't sell our armaments to, say, Pakistan, then France will.

Poor nations, such as China, India, Pakistan, Iran and Libya, desperately require funds to meet pressing and immediate human needs as well as longer-term goals of modernization and development; yet they willy-nilly are diverting a disproportionate amount of money in gearing up for war and the rumors of war.

On a worldwide basis, a total of $1.5 billion per day is spent on military-related matters. In contrast, only $73 million (not billion) was needed to eradicate smallpox from the face of the arth. Think of all the human needs on a worldwide scale in the areas of medicine, shelter, nutrition, education and transportation that could benefit from only a fraction of the world's military spending.

Or imagine what even a miniscule amount of the funds now being spent on defense could accomplish if diverted to research and redevelopment aimed at finding and perfecting alternative sources of energy to free us from dependency on depletable fossil fuels.

NIGHTMARE

Consider also the enormous waste, uncontrollable cost overruns, outright fraud, poor or neglected maintenance, and technological obsolescence that the defense budget pays for.

Item: The F-18 navy attack bomber requires 92 hours of maintenance on the ground for each hour that it spends in the air — and not all the bugs have been removed yet.

Item: A businessman who buys and sells spare parts for military hardware purchases his stock from the government at prices greatly reduced from their original cost. his best customer when he resells these parts? The government.

It is alarming that America has become the arms merchant for much of the world. And, as James Reston notes, the US is the chief exporter of nuclear knowledge and supplies, but we have no workable safeguard to prevent our nuclear information and materials from being used in secret to produce atomic weapons. Hence we bear some responsibility for the expansion of the nuclear club, whose membership is no longer exclusive.

It is US policy to urge our allies to rearm and to supply them with weapons. Though we are the strongest miliary power in the world, yet we feel insecure.

No amount of military hardware can compensate for the decline in political and economic prestige plaguing our nation. Ironically, the powerful can be paralyzed into a state of powerlessness, when the last becomes first and the first becomes last. We have learned from painful experience that a tiny poor nation can hold a rich and powerful nation hostage.

Deliver us from "brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power," says a litany in the United Presbyterian Church's book of worship. The prospect of nuclear blackmail is no longer a fictional dream — it is a living nightmare. □

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Charity Runs Deep at St. Anthony's Dining Room

By BARBARA DING

SAN FRANCISCO — For most Americans, Thanksgiving is the holiday for families getting together. For the homeless and the jobless, St. Anthony's Dining Room is the one place that they can turn to, and this Thursday they will serve traditional-style dishes of "turkey with all trimmings" at St. Anthony's 32nd Thanksgiving meal.

Most famous for its holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas, St. Anthony's is open daily all-year-round to provide free meals for the needy. The dining room, located at the corner of Jones St. and Golden Gate Ave, is open daily from 10 am to 12:30 pm. A recent survey reported currently about 1625 people visit the center daily, with this number doubled during holidays.

St. Anthony's Dining Room offers food to all those who are hungry. (Photo by Leland Wong)

MIRACLE

The warm, nutritious meal usually includes a full course of salad, entre, main course, dessert and drink. Most of the cooking ingredients are donated by food stores, bakeries, and individuals; produced by St. Anthony's farm; or bought by donated funds. Operated without any fund from government, church or public charities, this large-scale program is directly supported by people all over the Bay Area, according to its director, Father Floyd A. Lotito.

The ongoing charity of the donors of food, funds, and services has made this program well-known as "the miracle of Jones St." Father Floyd pointed out that whoever needs the food will be provided without any prerequisites. He suggested that such a dramatic way of providing charity directly to the needy has helped break through the religious and racial boundries among people.

Another special feature is St. Anthony's large crew of voluntary workers. According to Father Floyd, thee are currently about 45 volunteers in the food service section at Dining Room, and another 45 on the farm. The staffs are by large unpaid, and help keep operational and administrative costs down to minimum, so that the charity can be passed directly to people in distress, he explained.

In answer to a question why he joined the volunteer crew, a volunteer admitted, "Thirteen years ago, I was a street drunkard in this area." Looking at the moving crowd, he continued, "Often, when I was broke, I came to eat over here." After starvation and depression, he returned as a Christian and voluntary worker here, where he has worked full-time for two years, and three days a week during the past year.

BALANCE

One of the goals of the program is to help people to get back on their own feet again, Father Floyd explained. The number of people who need help is always larger than the space they can offer, but now and then, there are openings, Father Floyd reported. At present, the restoration program only recruits men, but Father Floyd hopes that, in the future, they will be able to help women, too.

In the food service section, stand both men and women volunteers. A Chinese woman from Vietnam stood behind the serving counter and greeted people with a quiet smile. In Mandarin, she told *East/West* that she was one of the boat people who fled from Vietnam, with her family left behind. She is now attending language class daily, and in the meanwhile working at St. Anthony's in exchange for free meals.

The security guard at the door noted that St. Anthony's helps low-income people to balance their budget by providing free meals when they run out of money. He pointed out that "during the end of the month, the waiting line at the dining room is always longer than that during the beginning of the month."

For others, coming to eat at St. Anthony's is the only way they can survive. The guard said there are many people who come over every day, three times a day. "This is because, for them, St. Anthony's is the only place that they can get food and since it only opens around noon time, to obtain enough calories for the rest of the day, they have to come back three times to the waiting line," a fact seldom realized by people who take three meals a day for granted, the guard noted.

ELDERLY

Over 30% visitors are elderly, and come not only to eat but to energize themselves, socialize with friends, and, as one elder man claimed, "to pick up the spirit" — a need equally important as food for the elderly.

In the dining area, the meals are served in cafeteria-style, but the elderly, disabled, women, and children are served at tables by voluntary workers.

Father Floyd stressed that St. Anthony's is always open to the people in distress and they always need people to donate food, especially turkeys. Gifts may be brought to 45 Jones St. weekdays from 8 am to 3 pm, or to 165 Guerrero St. at other times. □

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The Fun of Learning With Computers

SAN FRANCISCO — For most children math homework is a dreaded chore, and the idea of learning *extra* math just for fun is inconceivable. But for Jennie and Vicki Chen, and dozens like them at the Control Data Learning Center, computers have made schoolwork an enjoyable after-school hobby.

"Working on the computer is fun," Jennie, a fourth grader at the Jefferson Elementary School said. "It's way better than school."

Her sister Vicki, a sixth grader at Herbert Hoover Middle School, agreed quickly. "I like working on the computer. The computer tells you things, and there's no teacher," she said. "At school the teachers yell — even if they don't yell at you they have to yell at other kids, and it's too noisy."

DECIMALS

Both Vicki and Jennie began coming to the center last spring to improve their reading skills as well as math. Now they concentrate on math, and both have advanced far ahead of their grade levels. Jennie, who is almost nine, is working on decimals and Vicki, who turned 11 today, has finished geometry and is working on high school math.

The center has existed in SF for three years, first at O'Farrell St., and since June, 1980, at 1930 Market St. It is part of a nationwide system of 85 computer education centers that began in 1962, and offers courses ranging from music to aviation to spectroscopy.

"Most of the children take math, writing and language (English grammar)," learning center manager Roberta Rosen said. "Some of them come because they're not doing well in school, they're frustrated. Others come because their parents want them to advance," and many are referred by their schools.

At the center, entering students are tested and placed according to ability. Once they have a starting point, all they have to do is arrive at their schduled hours, sign on to one of the center's nine terminals, and begin the self-paced program.

"It just takes a few minutes to learn how to use the computer," Vicki said, as she signed on for an algebra lesson. "I don't get lonely working here — it's fun."

ROBOT

"Nobody yells at you, there's no peer pressure and there are no embarrassments," Rosen said. Technicians are available to help the students, but usually they progress steadily through the lessons receiving praise from the computer when they answer correctly, and encouragement to try again when they make a mistake, she added.

"A little robot tells you when you're right or wrong," Jennie said, adding philosophically that "sometimes the computer's funny, but sometimes it's serious."

The students stay two to three months at the center, working a few hours a week, Rosen said, and for many it is a chance to improve their basic skills without the frustration of a classroom situation where they may often feel inferior. The curriculum is prepared by experts in the field, but is presented in an interactive way suitable to the computer.

"Computer education won't take over classrooms, but it will supplement them," Rosen said. "It can allow teachers to work with small groups, and implement more creative programs." While teachers usually must addresss their basic instruction to the average child, Rosen noted that few children are average, and that the computer offers more personalized learning.

But fewer than half of the SF Control Data Learning Center's students are under age 18, Rosen pointed out. Many are business executives who have come to polish their skills management, data processing, or sales technique. "Selling: The Psychological Approach" is currentlyone of the center's most popular courses.

ACCENT

English as a Second Language is also offered at the center, and there are approximately ten students now taking that course.

"You can't improve your accent on a computer," Rosen admitted, "but you can get the vocabulary in your head, learn the rules, and build a foundation," so that when the time comes to speak it is much easier. Avoiding classroom pressure is also an important advantage for many ESL students who might be shy to speak in a foreign language, she added.

And there are even computer games. "I like horse-racing and monster slots," Jennie said, while Vicki said her favorite is hangman.

Both Jennie and Vicki are proud of what they've accomplished at the center. "It's so-so hard work," Vicki said. She is now in the "gifted" math class at school, which she describes as "about the right level" for her. Jennie takes math with her fourth grade class, and said it is "mostly all review."

"It's fun to work here. I've learned a lot of things," Vicki said. "My friend is in eighth grade, and I told her after this year it will be too late for her to come (and take the math skills course). She'd have to take high school math."

The Control Data Learning Center is open daily from 8 am to 8 pm. For information, call 864-1117. □

Jennie Chen (r) watches as her sister Vicki Chen (l) works on a terminal at the Control Data Learning Center.

Howard Lim Helps Return Dutch Windmill to Life

By DAVID STRANAHAN

SAN FRANCISCO — It may not be Holland, but a touch of Dutch color has been restored to the northwest corner of Golden Gate Park, as the North Dutch Windmill was sent turning again on November 14 after over 40 years of disuse and almost 20 years of lobbying for its restoration.

"This was a unique kind of project for the city because we haven't really had this kind of volunteer effort before," said Howard Lim, project engineering coordinator from the city Public Works Department. Lim, who has headed the project for the last 3 years, has been with the department for 16 years and attended Merritt College in Oakland before joining the City's engineering staff.

Howard Lim

Erected in 1902 for the purpose of pumping fresh water from beneath the Richmond District, the mill couldn't compete with the new electric pumps later developed, and fell into disuse. In the years that followed, the once graceful Dutch Windmill became a victim of vandalists and the elements, until Eleanor Crabtree brought the windmill's case before City planners. The daughter of the late Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, Crabtree spearheaded the drive over the last 15 years and raised $117,000 for the mill. Over the last 5 years, members of the Seabees Naval Reserve Unit from Treasure Island have pitched in by providing free labor needed to compete the project.

FAITHFULLY

Although there remain a few details to be completed before the windmill is fully revamped, the structure has come a long way from the condition in which city engineers found it.

"All of the main structural beams that supported the deck around the mill were fallen off, and inside there were pigeon droppings 2 to 3 inches thick. A lot of floorboards were missing — it was really in sad condition," Lim recalled.

Engineers tried to faithfully restore the windmill to its original condition, but found that some repairs were not feasible, Lim said. The original mill's dome section was equipped to rotate into the prevailing wind to catch the wind's full force, which enabled the mill's spars to have a consistent source of energy.

"The bevel gears that the dome rode in were so corroded that we couldn't have that part of the dome redone. It meant lifting off the whole dome and replacing the channel that goes around the whole circumference of the dome," Lim added.

The mill, which is now in a fixed position to catch the offshore breeze from the west, is kept from rotating too fast by a hydraulic braking system that restricts the mill's spars to a maximum of 5 r.p.m.s. Wild winds spinning the mill's spars uncontrollably caused the windmill to break down back in the 30s, and city engineers hope their design will keep this from happening a second time.

STORMS

"During the winter you have those big storms from the north, so we don't want those winds hitting the blades directly," Lim noted.

All of the labor for the project was carried out by seamen of the Seabees Naval Reserve Unit. Since 1976, the Seabees spent one of their weekends a month repairing the windmill. "When you think about if you had to work on a project where you only went out to see it once a month, it'd take you about a half day just to get started on it. I think it's quite an accomplishment," said Lim.

Engineers hope that the mill can be put into practical use. "Say the windmill is turning at 5 r.p.m. That would produce 120 horsepower. Our breaking unit would use only 40 horsepower, leaving us with an excess to tap into P.G.&E. or to run a water pump," Lim explained.

He hastened to point out though, that studies have yet to be completed to determine whether such an operation would be feasible. Whether the windmill is put to work or not, the Parks Department will be maintaining the structure at a cost of about $2,000 a year.

City and federal agencies contributed $107,000 to the Dutch Windmill's facelift, but the Murphy Windmill that sits south of the Dutch Windmill won't be able to count on government appropriations for its hoped renovation, Lim said. "Our feeling is that because of the budget restraints of Prop. 13, that the funding for that project will have to come totally from private donations," he added. □

ON PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT UNDER URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco in Room 2-C, City Hall, at 2:00 p, m. December 18, 1981 for the purpose of considering projects for which financial assistance is being sought from Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964, as amended, generally described as follows:

A. Description of Program
Financial assistance to support the San Francisco Municipal Railway Capital Improvement Program. The proposed projects and their estimated total costs are listed below. Federal share is eighty (80) percent of total cost.

Projects	
Purchase of 8 Light Rail Vehicles	$6,000,000
Purchase of Office and Maintenance Equipment	2,500,000
Purchase of Paratransit Vehicles	250,000
Data Processing Improvements	1,400,000
Trolley Overhead Program (Rehabilitation of Existing Wires)	2,000,000
N Line Terminal (Rerailing of Existing Track)	500,000
Purchase of LRV Maintenance Computer Hardware	500,000
Diesel Coach Replacement/Rehabilitation	3,500,000
Cable Car Barn and Trackway Reconstruction	12,500,000
Geneva and Metro Center Annex Rail Facility Rehabilitation	11,000,000
	$40,150,000

B. Relocation
No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by these projects.

C. Environments
No negative environmental impact is anticipated as a result of these projects.

D. Comprehensive Planning
These projects conform to the San Francisco Municipal Railway Five Year Plan, the Capital Improvement Program, and are consistent with all regional land use and transportation planning in the Bay region.

E. Elderly and Handicapped
The Capital Improvement Program has taken into consideration the special needs of the elderly and the handicapped population. $250,000 is requested to purchase eight (8) paratransit vans to provide service to the City of San Francisco's elderly and handicapped community. In addition, the bus rehabilitation program will incorporate two new features to allow easier boarding access for elderly and handicapped individuals. The suspension system will be modified to provide a kneeling feature on the front steps which the driver can activate with a toggle switch. This would lower the bottom step four inches to a height of ten inches above the ground. Boarding railings on the rehabilitated GMC coaches will also be replaced with longer bars.

The elderly and handicapped population is currently offered transit service at a significantly discounted rate. Wheelchair lift equipped vehicles are now in service on routes throughout the service area.

At the hearing, the Public Utilities Commission will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, environmental, and economic aspects of the projects Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said projects.

A draft copy of the application, the Muni Five Year Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for the area are currently available for public inspection in Room 287, City Hall, San Francisco, California 94102.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary
Public Utilities Commission

Taipei Team Rejoins Asian Basketball Assoc.

TAIPEI — Taiwan's basketball team was readmitted to the Asian Basketball Confederation under the name of "Chinese Taipei Basketball Association," it was announced recently. Peng Chi, secretary general of Taiwan's basketball association, said they will be ready to send national teams to the 1982 men's tournament in Hong Kong next September, and to the women's tournament slated for May, 1982 in Japan. □

Asian Police Group Seeks Nominees For Executive Board

SAN FRANCISCO — The Northern California Asian Peace Officers Association is now seeking nominations for its 1982 executive board, which includes a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Five representatives from both the East and West Bay are also being sought to fill the board of directors.

Names may be submitted to the NCAPOA Nominating Committee, 535 Jackson St., SF, 94108 and must be received by Monday, Nov. 30. For information call Byron Wong, at 788-7300 or Eddie Dare at 553-1348. □

LA's Chinese Restaurant Assoc. Moves on Nov. 30

LOS ANGELES — The United Chinese Restaurants Association and Chinese Cooks Training School will move to the Asian American Development Center on November 30. The new address and phone number is 1400 S. Goodrich Blvd., City of Commerce, 90040; (213) 227-9810, 227-9819 or 721-9368. □

United Federal Names Philip Lee Sr. Vice President

SAN FRANCISCO — Philip Lee was recently appointed senior vice president and director of community affairs of United Federal Savings and Loan. He is the former chairman of the board of Chinatown Federal Savings, which recently merged with United Federal.

Other promotions and appointments at United Federal include Winfred Tom as executive vice president of Chinatown Federal and Mary Ngai as senior vice president/corporate secretary. □

EVENTS

TUES., NOV. 24, 10 am
"Master Painters of Nanjing" by Dr. William D. Y. Wu, Trustees' Auditorium, DeYoung Museum, GG Park, .SF. $3.50

TUES., NOV. 24, 5:30 PM
Parenting workshop with Diana Ming Chan, "Effective Family Communication II" at Wu Yee Lok Yuen Childcare 855 Sacramento St., SF. free

WED., NOV. 25, 7:30 pm
Peoples Republic of China World Champion Acrobats at Cal, State U, Hayward. $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12. Call 881-3038. $1 discount if you call in advance.

THUR. NOV. 26, 11 am
Thanksgiving worship service of Chinese Christian Union at Salvation Army, 1450 Powell,SF.

FRI, NOV. 27.
Chinese Historical Society field trip to floral nurseries at Santa Clara Valley.

TUE., DEC. 1, 1 pm
Lecture on Salt and the Human Body, NEMS, 1520 Stockton St., SF. free.

TUES., DEC. 1, 10 am
"Master Painters of Shanghai," by Dr. William D.Y. Wu, Trustees' Auditorium, De Young Museum GG Park, SF. $3.50

WED., DEC. 2, 4 pm
Liang Shichun, U. of Nanjing journalism prof., speaks on the Chinese press, UC Berkeley, 155 Dwinelle.

FRI., DEC, 4. 8 pm
Alan Chong Lau, Russel Baba and friends "All Night Music Man" at C'town Library, 1135 Powell, SF, Free.

SAT., DEC. 5, 9pm-1am
C'town Opti-Mrs. Club Holiday Dance, Empress of China, SF. $35/couple. $7.50 dance only.

SUN., DEC. 6, 4-6 pm
Christmas party at Self-Help for the Elderly, 640 Pine, SF. $5.

TUES., DEC . 8, 10 am
"Master Painters of Beijing" by Dr. William D. Y. Wu, Trustees' Auditorium, Deyoung Museum, GG Park , SF. $3.50

WED., DEC. 9, 6 pm
Family Christmas Dinner, C'town Chapter of American Business Women's Assn., Empress of China, SF.

THUR., DEC. 10, 5:30-7:30 pm
Free immigration legal service for low-income persons, Cameron House, 920 Sacramento, SF.

THURS., DEC, 10, 8 pm
Opening night of "Christmas in Camp" by East-West Players. 4424 Santa Monica Bldv., LA. Tickets $10, (213) 660-0366. ThroughJ an. 3.

THUR., DEC. 10, 7:30, 9:20pm
Film : Chan Is Missing by Wayne Wang, Pac Film Archive, 2625 Durant, Berkeley. $3.

SUN., DEC. 13, 7:30 pm
Concert of world fusion music by Ancient Future, 2650 Fulton SF. $5 advance, $6 at door. 386-9590 or 331-3195.

MON., DEC. 14, 1-3 pm
Program on Chi Am oral history and library collections, Chinese Librarians Ass'n Rm. Toyon A and B, SF Hilton. Gladys Chaw (415) 574-6100 or Lillian Chan (714) 265-6715.

NOW till DEC. 20
Chinese Folk Painting exhibit at Wong-Jehu Galleries, 2719 Post, SF.

THUR, DEC. 31, 8pm-midnight
New Year Eve party, Chinese Comm. Ctr. of the Peninsula, 3065 Middlefield, Pal Alto, $5 (415) 493-2133.

Ragtime: Many Storylines But Simple Structure

PROGRAM NOTES

By RICHARD SPRINGER

James Cagney's role in *Ragtime* has been described as a cameo, but it's more in the nature of a solid supporting performance propping up the movie's central episode.

Cagney plays a New York police commissioner who must disgourge a black ragtime piano player, Coalhouse Walker (played by Howard Rollins), and his cohorts from the occupation of the famous J. P. Morgan Library, housing a treasured collection of art works. The piano player has been humiliated by a group of racist firemen and he demands that the leader (Kenneth McMillan) be delivered to him before he will give up the building.

James Olson (r) allows Howard E. Rollins to see his infant son for the first time in "Ragtime."

EMPHASIS

In the first half of the movie, it seems that six characters will have their histories intertwined with about equal emphasis: a very proper businessman (James Olson); his good-hearted wife (Mary Steenburgen); her impulsive, idealistic brother (Brad Dourif); a sidewalk peddler of silhouettes (Mandy Patinkin); Coalhouse Walker; and Evelyn Nesbit (Elizabeth McGovern), the wife of an insanely-jealous millionaire Harry Thaw (Robert Joy), who shoots his wife's former lover, millionaire Stanford White (Norman Mailer).

But *Ragtime* is really much simpler in structure than a summary of the plot would lead one to believe. Director Milos Forman and scriptwriter Michael Weller have subordinated the various storylines in E. L. Doctorow's novel to a straightforward, if slightly ironic, depiction of racial prejudice.

Three romantic subplots in the movie are sketched, but unshaped. Steenburgen's character is swept off her feet by the peddler-turned filmmaker, but we never see what should have been the important scene where her resistance is broken. Dourif's character gives up trying to woo Nesbit, but after his infatuation seeming to be the only important relationship in his life, the breakup at a dance studio is comically-pathetic rather than sad. Finally, Walker's wife's death scene has little power, since Forman never allows their on-screen relationship to develop.

DISTANCE

Forman is a director who likes to establish a distance between the audience and the subject matter, but in *Ragtime* he has chosen to concentrate upon the storyline least able to tolerate his distancing. In *Taking Off* and *Fireman's Ball*, his gentle ironic touch was just right. In *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, it helped to have Forman pulling the audience back from the claustrophobic atmosphere of the insane asylum and making us like another psychiatrist watching the tragedy unfolding.

Ragtime needs a director more willing to go for the jugular. Cagney's final order should be doubly tragic because it's the coldly-cynical action of an eminently-reasonable man. Forman's distancing lets the audience off the hook, when it should be squirming.

Despite the criticism, much care has been given in making *Ragtime* and the performances by Rollins, Cagney and Steenburgen are particularly good. I liked the film. I just wish it were better. □

Exchange Students From Tokyo Need Palo Alto Families

STANFORD — The Stanford-Keio Exchange Committee is seeking families in the Stanford/Palo Alto area who would be interested in opening their homes to eight students from Keio University in Tokyo (Stanford's sister school) for two and a half weeks in March.

The Stanford-Keio Exchange Committee is an entirely student run, non-profit exchange program, which, for almost 30 years, has exchanged students between Stanford University and Keio University. For information, write the Stanford-Keio Exchange Committee, c/o Joe Kurosu, PO Box 6490, Stanford, CA 94305 or call Susan Morita 493-4866 or Joe Kurosu 323-3540. □

Nihonmachi Political Assoc. Seeks Interns

SAN FRANCISCO — The Nihonmachi Political Association is accepting applications for spring 1982 internships for Asian American youths. Interns will work in the offices of city, state or federal elected officials, and will receive a stipend and possible course credit.

Applications may be obtained at 2012 Pine St., or by writing the association at P.O. Box 42012, SF, 94142. Applications must be received by Dec. 11. □

UCB Offers Talk On Chinese Press

BERKELEY — Liang Shichun, professor of journalism at the University of Nanjing and Institue of International Relations, will speak on "The Chinese Press and Sino-American Relations" on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 4 pm on the UC Berkeley campus, 155 Dwinelle Hall. His talk is sponsored by the UC Berkeley graduate school of journalism. □

Ancient Future Plays Dec. 13

SAN FRANCISCO — Ancient Future, a musical ensemble that combines Indian melodies and rhythms, Indonesian orchestration techniques and European harmony, will present a concert of "World Fusion Music" on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm at 2650 Fulton St. Tickets are $5 in advance, $6 at the door, and may be obtained by calling 386-9590 or 331-3195. □

Rut Riders Ski Team Meet Nov. 30

LOS ALTOS — The Rut Riders Ski Team will hold its first general meeting Monday, Nov. 30 at the Main Street Bar & Grill, 169 Main St., Los Altos from 7-9:30 pm. They are the only known Asian ski team participating in the Miller Lite Beer/US Ski Association intramural ski racing program.

Ski racing experience is not necessary to join the team, and races are scheduled from December through April. For information call David Yamada at (408) 258-9678 or write the Rut Riders Ski Team, P.O. Box 32706, San Jose, 95152-2706. □

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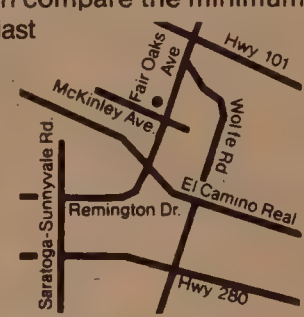

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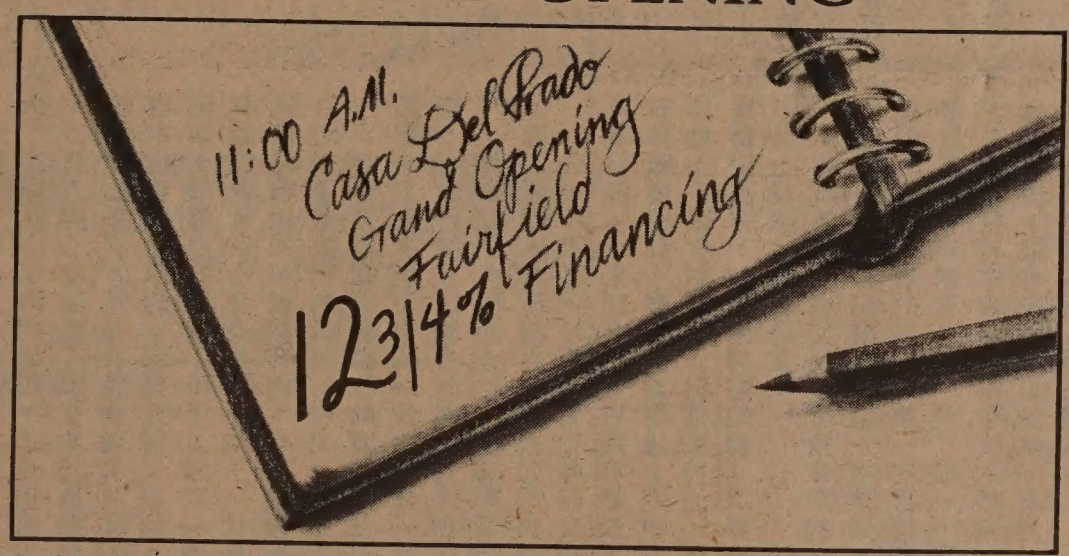

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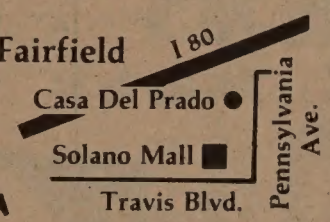

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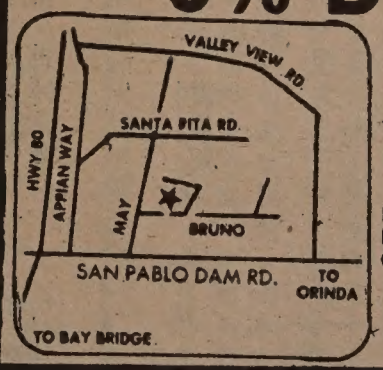

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廿九，新芽

我們的車子在廣州東山禮拜堂門口停下來的時候，我一時有點不相信自己的眼睛，上一次我在這裏參加過主日崇拜，已經是三十二年前的事情。那是一個艷陽天的五月，紅棉開得格外燦爛，唐馬太牧師宣佈一個國家的誕生——以色列復國！這不是一件普通的新聞，特別對相信聖經的人來說，以色列復國應驗了先知的預言，也教人看到了上帝在歷史中的活躍；唐牧師引用馬太福音廿四章卅二節至卅三節：「當無花果樹發芽的時候，你們就知道夏天已經近了。」唐牧師提醒我們以色列國與天下萬族的關係，也就是上帝的救恩和祂的選民的關係。

希伯來民族在歷史上的悲歡離合，和中華民族在歷史上的悲歡離合沒有兩樣，所不同的是希伯來民族在一神的啓示中故意背叛；而中華民族，則在多神的觀念中甘受綑縛；現在，多難的中國又面臨到一場新的變動，八年抗戰擊退了外來的欺侮，跟着自家人又發動了內部的戰爭。我在這次的蛻變中離開了新的朝代，到了香港，對於前面的路途，茫無所知。

南中國海的水在我後面流逝而去，我不再嗅到荔枝和白蘭的香味，珠江兩旁的居民都懷着淡淡的哀愁……在中英邊界，我在火車廂裏把頭伸到窗外，向戴着大篷帽的農婦買了一碗白飯，上面鋪着幾片鹹鴨蛋，正在掙扎地吞下去，火車又蠕蠕開動了。

「先生，我的飯碗——」農婦一片焦急的叫道。

我索性把幾乎還沒有動過的飯和碗一齊還給她，然而農婦的追跑，那裏趕得上火車的速率，我手裏一鬆，飯碗跌在地下，飯撒滿了月台，碗也破碎了。

破碎的碗，破碎的心……三十二年我流浪世界各地，那個農婦追趕飯碗的表情，和飯碗摔在地下的响聲，歷歷如生！

「我做夢也想不到有一天還能回到祖國來。」在東山禮拜堂裏面，我找着了唐牧師，對他感慨地說：「尤其是你還健在。」我告訴他三十二年前他對我們的說話。這位快要八十歲的老牧者驚奇地道：「你的記憶力眞行。」

「那可不是一個普通的主日哩。」我說。

「來，來，來，我帶你在周圍走一遍。」

仍舊是老樣子的內院，當然，所有的「老樣子」都實在的老態龍鍾了。唐牧師給我介紹了五六位牧師，大家都上了年紀，其中有一位同工許仰基，算爲年青的，他原來是我小學的同學，一起在教會的詩班唱詩，十五分鐘後，他帶了他的妻子，兒女來見我。

上一次我在這裡參加主日崇拜，已經是三十二年前的事情。

三十，夜盡到天明

還不到上午十一點鐘，離崇拜的時間還有一小時，禮拜堂內的人已經坐得七七八八，他們不是在裏面談天，他們在虔誠地默禱，甚麼年紀的都有，這情景很使人感動。在播音機裏正在播出韓德爾的「快樂快樂，我們崇拜」和彌賽亞神曲中的一小段。在文革的歲月中，這一些本來都是禁曲，如今那美麗的旋律又洋溢在晨早的陽光中了。

十一時正，詩班和執事人魚貫就坐，會衆估計有一千五百人以上，大家先後唱了「榮耀大君王」，「萬民奮興」，「求主帶領」，「慈光引導」等歌，那種排山倒海的歌聲，不是出自人的口裏，而是出自人的心坎深處；我從來沒有聽過如此美妙的聲音，如果有，就是我在南韓和日本的幾次農村佈道中也曾經驗過的，那是人類最原始，最悠久，最純美，最誠懇的聲音——還有一次，在西德柏林的救世軍復活節崇拜中，來了一批東德的居民，他們是特准過境做禮拜的，叙會過後，他們就要即日回去了，他們的歌聲，也是一樣令人難忘。

這也是文凱、文恩（第一行左起第七、八人）生平首次的宗教崇拜。

七十六歲的梁耐壽牧師證道的題目是「守耶穌眞道」，幾段經文中的一段出自希伯來書十二章一節：「我們既有這許多的見證人，如同雲彩圍着我們，就當放下各樣的重担，脫去容易纏累我們的罪，存心忍耐，奔那擺在我們前頭的路程。」

三十人的青年詩班献唱約翰紐文所作的「我寧可有耶穌」，歌詞是「我寧願有耶穌，勝於金錢；我寧願屬耶穌，勝過財富無邊；我寧願有耶穌，勝於地土；願主釘痕手，引導我前途。勝過做君王，雖統治萬方，却仍受罪惡綑綁；我寧願有耶穌，勝過世上榮華，富貴聲望。」

詩班唱完，也反映了全體會衆的心聲，唐馬太牧師破例要求詩班重唱一遍。在美國，唱這首詩，很難有在廣州唱的感受，英一向感情剛強，現在也潸然下淚，嘉靈看見了，用手推一下嘉恩。這一次，三個女兒首次參加全部中文的崇拜，她們一個字也聽不懂，散會後，嘉恩說她一直用「心」在聽，她聽見了中國信徒心臟的跳動。

這也是文凱、文恩有生以來第一次的崇拜，在他們小小的心靈裏，一定充滿好奇和疑問，我暗中觀察他們的動靜，覺得他們很留心叙會的進行。我和五妹，當然是三十二年來第一次一同禱告。

這許多的「第一次」，也是許多可喜的開始，正如在「慈光引導」一歌繼續說：「經過洪濤，經過荒山空谷，夜盡天明；夜盡天明，晨曦光裏重逢……」我感覺到我在宇宙永恒中的渺小，和上帝對我的眷念，詩人大衛也說過：「人算甚麼？你竟然看顧他。」

爲甚麼不呢？上帝既然看顧野地裏的百合花，天空中的飛鳥，人，不比一切都貴重嗎？

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二一九，莫測高深

據北京發出外國通訊社的報導，來自中國兩大城市北京和上海的消息，中國政府再次警告人民，要盡可能避免和外國人接觸。

消息說，一些學生、教師、飯館職工接到通知，不要主動和外國人接觸，避免任何交往。北京清華大學的學生也受到警告。上海外語學院一名學生，接受美國朋友送的一枝原子筆和一條香烟，發生了嚴重的麻煩。

一位法國學者最近訪問中國後，在香港告訴新聞記者說，「這次我去北京，與去年前年的情形很不相同，許多中國人又與四人幫時期那樣，不敢隨便與外國人交談和來往了，一種無形的壓力似乎又把中國拖回到塞耳閉聽的鎖國道路上去。」他又說，「我這次到中國走了一遭，對中國的前途頗感迷惘，覺得這個國家真不容易健全起來，剛開放了一點，又馬上收緊，而且收得這麼快……」

這些報導和談話，都來自外國人方面的，由於隔膜而可能發生誤會，內容也可能不完全符合事實。中國當局仍在提倡中外文化交流，如何可能警告人民，避免和外國人接觸？而且有事實證明，中國科技和文藝界人士經常出國活動，往外國訪問，參加學術會議等。

葉劍英的女兒葉向真，導演一部電影「原野」，不久出口在香港放映，葉向真也親自出國到香港，主持試片，同香港電影界人士和新聞記者談話，交流製片經驗，很受香港人士的歡迎。

同時，中國各界人士的代表團，很多常來美國參觀訪問，我們也常有機會接觸，一起談問題和交流經驗，對彼此都有好處。尤其中國戲劇藝術團體來此訪問演出時，總是盛況空前，極受歡迎。我們也有機會和演員們歡叙，暢談中國舞台上「百花齊放」的盛況，詢問我們熟悉的老一輩藝人的近況，沒有任何隔閡。

如此看來，那些外國通訊社的報道和訪客的談話，是否沒有事實根據呢，那又不然。在地大人多的中國，向來情況並不簡單，記得滿清皇朝傾覆之後，不但很多遺老依舊滿腦子封建思想，還有廣大群衆盼望「真命天子」的出現，足見轉變思想並非易事。目前在中國發生的各種矛盾現象，也可說在意料之中。當然，今日中國不能以七十年前的情況比較，可能在同外國人接觸中，發生了某些中國當局認爲有不良影響的事件，因此加以限制。

一方面積極從國外引進科技，另一方面盡可能避免和外國人接觸，兩種主張背道而馳，使人莫測高深。

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下午茶座 — 李爽（下）

（續上期）李爽事件發生後，也影響了中國與法國的外交關係。正在北京訪問的法國外貿國務部長若貝爾得悉李爽被判兩年勞動改造後，立即取消原定的談判，黯然離華。臨行前且對記者表示，如早知中國這樣處理李爽事件，他不會動程來華訪問。

甲君說：「東方人有面子問題，不知道西方人也顧全面子的。中國方面在法國官員到訪時，才宣佈把李爽判刑，說這完全是中國內部事件。可是法國官員早已替他求情，刑判下來，法國大官也下不了台，只好取消會談，收拾行李，回國去也。」

丙說：「我關心的不是白天祥與李爽兩人的事。白天祥可能明天在巴黎又墮進情網，另抱新歡了。李爽嗎？她到北大荒勞改兩年，也許不再想念白天祥了。我關心的是中國官員把法國大官氣走後，還會理直氣壯的自認有理，不去尋找東西方思想上的差距。我剛才說，西方對兩人同居不構成法律問題，而在中國，白天祥被控「窩藏少女」！還被控資助離心份子。這都是違法行爲。」

丙君續說：「中國報紙還說兩人申請結婚，未被批准。手續上要提供㈠健康證明書和㈡無配偶證書。丁君弟弟不久前在舊金山結婚，試問有沒有拿出「無配偶證書」來呢？」

丁說：「本地結婚註册處只要兩人驗血證明，便發給結婚證書。我弟弟在教堂中舉行婚禮，禮成後牧師簽字，我和另一親屬作證人，也簽了。弟弟把證件寄回結婚註册處，便算手續完畢。」

丙問：「你們看，這裡完全不問是否無配偶。因爲第一、已有配偶又再結婚是違法行爲。第二、結婚發出證書，但無配偶不發文件。因爲在西方社會，兩人認識相愛才結婚，不必聽父母之命媒妁之言。有無配偶兩人應清楚明瞭，不用政府去發證明文件。」

丁說：「我最近有朋友回中國討老婆，寫信回來問要到那裡領「無配偶證書」，弄到他媽媽不知如何應付。因爲事實上美國沒有機構發此類證明。相信法國也沒有……。」

丙：「但中國方面說白天祥的離婚文件仍未能證明「無配偶」，拒批准兩人申請結婚。從中國觀點看來，李爽是中國公民，未經批准不能擅進外國人家中住宿。所以把她拿去勞改，完全是中國內部事件，不容外國干預。可是從法國觀點看來，兩人是一對情侶，白天祥已拿出離婚證明，證據充足，申請結婚被拒，還加罪於女方判刑兩年。好像是與外國人談戀愛便是犯了法一樣，故生反感。」

中國方面指出法大使館中另有職員申請與中國一位女工人結婚，經已批准，以示並不禁異族通婚。也就是說，白天祥如不是早有一個太太在北京，不是與李爽「一見鍾情」後便和老妻離婚，不是先試同居再談婚姻的話，便沒有今天的問題了。（陳志福）

三言兩語 — 大球

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我們固然爲中國隊得勝而喜，但是不同意把球類運動分大小。排足籃球得勝要下一番工夫，乒球羽球取勝也委實不易。不知中國球迷以爲然否？（黃就）

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華人抗議冷藏燒鴨
支持修正燒臘條例

（本報訊）加州環境衛生局職員近在洛杉磯華埠要求燒臘業把燒鴨放在冰箱中冷藏出售，掀起一場風波。舊金山該局負責人證實加州法律的確有肉類必需冷藏的條例，但他們在北加州沒有認真執行。

聯合華人餐館同業公會已支持州議員阿德．托里斯明年一月正式向議會提議修正燒臘業管制法，以方便華人餐館及燒臘商。

舊金山環境衛生局副局長保羅．史瓦傑爾說：「我要看這試驗在洛城獲得成功。我對此大感興趣，這將省掉一大堆問題。」按照加州法律，燒鴨須放冰箱，華埠各吃食店却把燒鴨掛在玻璃窗內。史瓦傑爾承認從未接獲由於吃燒鴨而發生食物中毒的事。

「假如試驗結果，證明吊掛燒鴨沒有問題，很好；否則燒鴨一定要放冰箱。」

華埠西廚學校校長雷鉅常十分贊成他們的努力。「我們需要法律。我們要到議會去。我們要研究，要讓人們明白，這是完全對的。依我個人的經驗來說，是沒有一點害處的。」

按照傳統的方法，先把鴨子浸在調味品中，然後放在燒滾的沸水中，使去掉多餘的油份。然後把鴨子吊起來，通常是室內溫度即可，有時需要用電風扇來吹，使它快乾，這樣皮才會完全乾透，到烤的時候，皮才會脆。吊乾需要幾個小時或過夜，如果真正的北京鴨，則需經過廿四小時。（據雷鉅常說他的更爲現代化的方法，吊乾鴨子只須七到八個小時、吊得太久了反而不好。）

掛乾了的鴨子，才放進四百度的烤箱，烤約四十五到六十分鐘。從烤箱拿出來後，便吊着等冷。雷氏說大多數華舖的鴨子，很快就賣掉了，不會超過七小時。如果到了晚上沒有賣掉的話，就藏在冰箱裡。

他說：「中國做燒鴨有兩千到三千年的歷史，在美國做燒鴨也快有一百年了。從來沒有聽說吃了有害處的。」他相信過程中的吊乾、香料、鹽和醬油，可非除細菌的滋長。他認爲做燒鴨就像外國人做大型香腸一樣，不過，他也認爲應該有比較科學的證明。

他說：「需要教育，你不能只是說它是骯髒的，要說明爲什麼。否則廚師是不明白的。衛生部門負有教導的責任，不只是譴責而已。西廚學校的學生來自世界各地，而各地的法規是不盡相同的。」

「第四衛生分局環境衛生督察陳明健認爲：照理論上來說，燒鴨是不能像這樣掛着的，不過，這是屬於文化傳統，如果我們强迫怎樣做，就不知會發生什麼後果。」

他說，他也曾好幾次請教加州大學（戴維斯）可曾研究過這種做燒鴨的方法，有什麼害處；並沒有什麼下文。「我們也並不真正需要這研究結果，因爲我們確知製鴨子的過程是排除細菌生長的可能的。一件比較好的事是華埠的燒鴨售賣得很快，你每天可在店舖外面看到二十到四十個空紙箱。」

他又說華埠餐館一般都很重視有關衛生規定，不過，由於新移民和難民大量湧來，確有需要施以衛生教育。

（冰）

售台新型戰機
影響美中關係

（本報訊）美國前副總統蒙代爾上週往中國訪問，廿一日離別前說美中兩國在經濟合作、科技交流、貿易上已有廣泛的發展，盼望兩國關係能不斷發展。他對記者表示，美國在現況下，不應向台灣出售新型戰機。

紐約時報廿日社論指出在是否售台戰機事上，雷根總統與黑格國務卿意見分歧。雷根欲履行競選時諾言，提升美政府與台北關係和向台出售最新型之噴射戰鬥機F十六型，以代替美諾夫奧柏飛機公司與台合作製造之F5E型。而黑格認售台新型機會影響美中抗蘇之戰略性合作，防禦兩國雙邊關係之進展。

美飛機公司在台製戰機已有六年，重要機件在美製成後運台安裝。時報社論認爲F5E型戰機性能上已比大陸戰機優良，台灣並沒有起用更新型戰機之必要。

社論指出葉劍英提出九點與國民黨進行對等談判建議後，黑格國務卿認爲此建議是「不尋常的」。說不應把這可喜的轉變壓下去。社論並說，在今天形勢下，大陸進攻台灣是不可想像的。「對台灣安全最佳的保證是西方與中國關係上的穩定，而不是最新式的戰機。」

紐約時報建議美國繼續向台供應改進的F5E型機，而不售出其他類型新機。（紐約時報社論全文刊本報今期英文版。）

老人不是寄生蟲

（社論）按照前卡特政府立法，華府將召開全國老人會議，討論有關老人缺乏照顧問題。目前老人的處境不利，舉行會議設法改善，實屬必要。

今年雷根政府實行緊縮，削減社保、醫療、各項福利預算，對老人更是大爲不利。

最近當局設法削弱老人會議的中堅分子，取消若干地區的預備會議，對該會議的形勢產生不良現象。

老人並非社會的寄生蟲，都是我們的前輩，一生辛勞，現在掙扎着爲自己的生存而呼籲。如果我們充耳不聞他們的呼聲，情況不能改善，將來就不堪設想。我們切望雷根政府和國會議員注意召開老人會議的重要性，聽取老人們的意見，改善他們的不良處境。

短聞

★華埠婦女樂觀會定十二月五日星期六晚九時至午夜後一時在皇后酒樓舉行假日餐舞會，爲福利基金籌款。該晚聘占美．柏拉斯樂隊伴舞。入場每票卅五元（供兩人用）。

★華埠社區西廚訓練學校校友會定本月廿五在救世軍大廈舉行感恩節午餐會。

★半島中華協會定十一月廿六星期四下午五時舉行感恩節聚餐會。地點爲3065 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.。該會十一月十二月最後星期六之老人聚餐會暫停。十二月卅一舉行除夕舞會，並設「賓果」節目，時間爲八時至午夜。（四一五）四九三—二一三三

★本市華人基督教聯會定本月廿六星期四上午十一時舉行感恩節崇拜。由吳驥牧師證道：「我們當爲何事感謝上帝？」地點在跑華街一四五〇號救世軍禮拜堂。

★爲新移民而設之「安居樂業」講座定本月廿八星期六上午九時半講「公共傳播服務」。地點在沙加緬度街（唐人街）九二〇號金美倫堂，不收門券。

★美國婦女商會華埠分會定十二月九日在皇后酒樓舉行聖誕家庭聚餐，邀市參議會主席摩連那演講。成人票十五元，小童十三元。訂票電話六六五—二七五五郭太。

★卜技利加州大學中國研究所定十二月五日星期六舉辦秋季研討會，分台灣、大陸兩組研究中國的問題。專題演講由上午九時半開始，在加大校園巴洛斯大樓舉行。

★海華電視有綫廿六台定十二月六日星期日晚十時半至十一時播東北衛生服務處提供「華人與敏感症」節目，由鄭憲發醫生主講。

☆漢聲廣播定本月廿八、廿九及十二月五、六播鄭憲發醫生「華人與敏感症」節目。廿九日與十二月五日另播「洪湖小提琴協奏曲。時間如下：凡星期六晚十一時至午夜波長FM九一．七。凡星期日晚九至十時波長FM八八．五。

★洛杉磯華埠服務中心第九週年籌款晚宴於十一月六日舉行。市長及市議員多名到會，出席人數達一千一百人，得款一萬五千餘元，爲該機構歷年來最成功一次籌款大會。當晚並蒙八間商號贈抽獎禮品，該中心同人向各界人士致謝云。

☆華人歷史學會原定十一月七日訪聖地克拉拉地區華人花園。因當時所種之花尚未開，特改期本月廿七日前往訪問云。